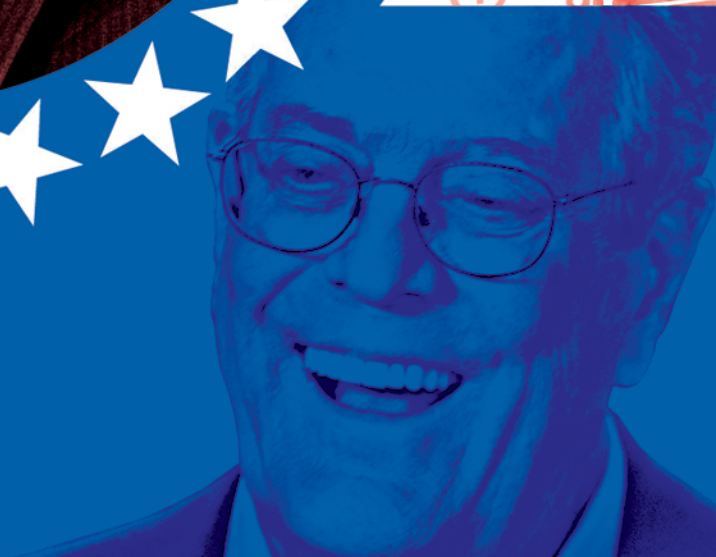


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THE KOCHS FIGHT AGAINST WORKING FAMILIES IN MISSOURI



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## **"SHOW ME" THE MONEY! THE KOCHS FIGHT AGAINST WORKING FAMILIES IN MISSOURI**

In America's "Show Me State," the Koch brothers have once again shown us their transparent, self-interested agenda to serve their bottom line. With at least six companies and thirteen subsidiaries active in Missouri, including their longest pipeline, the Kochs have a personal financial interest in the state. To protect these interests, the Kochs have mobilized their flagship astroturf advocacy group, Americans for Prosperity, working in conjunction with the Koch-funded State Policy Network group, the Show-Me Institute, and ALEC to influence both electoral and policy outcomes for their financial gain.

The Koch brothers' Missouri meddling continuously prioritizes their corporate greed at the expense of the state's workers, families, students, as well as the environment. Perhaps the best example of the Koch's self-interested efforts is their campaign for right-to-work-for-less legislation. Americans for Prosperity proudly led a coalition of fifty-five organizations and organized a six figure media and ground effort to push Missouri legislators to weaken unions and collective bargaining. AFP attempted to deceive voters on the intentions of their efforts, as they promised this legislation was not "anti-union." However, Missouri state representative and ALEC member Bill Lant, revealed the Kochs' self-interest behind the campaign when he championed right-to-work "by projecting it would cut wages by 2 to 3 dollars an hour," providing a boon to big businesses like Koch Industries. When the effort ended in a gubernatorial veto after a failed legislative override, AFP vowed the fight was not over and immediately went on the attack, targeting state representatives in misleading ad-buys. The Koch network has also pushed a broader assault on working families, fighting against prevailing wages, teachers' job security and pensions.

Beyond their anti-union campaigning, AFP and the Show-Me Institute have fought against Medicaid expansion, despite the fact that it would insure over three-hundred thousand Missourians while providing over twenty-thousand new jobs and healthcare savings for hard-working families. The Koch network has called for school privatization, while simultaneously dumping millions of dollars into Missouri universities, colleges, and high schools to preach their financially self-interested, conservative ideologies to students. Considering these university donations as part of their "fully integrated" political strategy, Koch-backed professor Howard Wall has recounted that he has used the threat of the Koch Foundation's legal review at Lindenwood University to make sure their money was spent exactly according to their objectives.

After settling a collection of lawsuits for a record \$35 million in 2000 for massive oil spills in 6 states, including a 40,000 gallon asphalt spill in Missouri, the Kochs began to fight environmental regulation and progress in the state. The Kochs fought against carbon regulation, renewable energy efforts, and a gas tax all to protect their energy profits, conveniently ignoring that these policies portend significant health and economic benefits for Missouri.

To ensure the success of their radical agenda, the Kochs cultivated relationships with high profile Missouri politicians who will act as their political puppets. In 2012, Koch backed groups, joined by Crossroads GPS, devoted \$15 million to disgraced Missouri Senate hopeful Todd Akin. The Koch network relationship with Akin was so strong that 60 Plus went so far as to defend him when he received backlash for his odious comments on rape. After Akin's comments cost him the election his former district director Patrick Werner went on to lead Americans for Prosperity's Missouri efforts for five years.

Topping the Kochs' list of current puppet politicians is Senator Roy Blunt. Since 1999, the Kochs have given Senator Blunt more than \$141,000 in career donations – making them one of Blunt's top ten career contributors. Preparing for a competitive senate race, the Kochs have once again stepped up their support for Blunt. Americans for Prosperity has already spent six figures on a mail campaign attacking Blunt's opponent, Jason Kander, for his support of the Affordable Care Act. The Koch network is also poised to put their finger on the scales of state level races. In addition to AFP vowing to resume their fight for right-to-work-for-less legislation with "a better governor" behind them, Koch Industries has already contributed at least \$20,000 to conservative candidate Josh Hawley's attorney general race, which is also being supported by the Koch-funded Aegis Strategic.

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## KOCH INDUSTRIES IN MISSOURI

### 6 Koch Companies & Their 13 Affiliated Companies Operate 7 Facilities In Missouri

#### KOCH INDUSTRIES MISSOURI FOOTPRINT

**Koch Industries Claimed To Employ 241 People In Missouri At Their Cuba And Kansas City Georgia Pacific Plants, Eagleville Koch Pipeline Facility, And St. Louis Koch Ag & Energy Solutions Site.** According to Koch Industries, Koch Industries employed 241 people in Missouri at their Cuba and Kansas City Georgia Pacific plants, Eagleville Koch Pipeline, and St. Louis Koch Ag & Energy Solutions site. [Koch Industries, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

- **Koch Industries Claimed To Pay Over \$17 Million In Wages To Workers In Missouri.** According to Koch Industries, Koch Industries pays \$17,478,814 in wages to workers in Missouri. [Koch Industries, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

#### C. REISS COAL

**In 1996, The C. Reiss Coal Company Was Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, the C. Reiss Coal Company registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on July 5th, 1996. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

#### GEORGIA-PACIFIC

**Georgia-Pacific Claimed To Employ 190 People In Missouri At A Kansas City Corrugated Packaging Facility And A Cuba Gypsum Facility.** According to Georgia Pacific, they employ 190 people in Missouri in two facilities; a Kansas City Corrugated Packaging facility and a Cuba Gypsum facility. [Georgia Pacific, Revised [4/16](#)]

- **Georgia-Pacific's Kansas City Corrugated Packaging Facility Produced Corrugated Boxes.** According to Georgia Pacific, their Kansas City Corrugated Packaging facility produces corrugated containers (boxes). [Georgia Pacific, 7/2012]
- **Georgia-Pacific's Cuba Gypsum Facility Produced Gypsum Cores For Fire Doors.** According to Georgia Pacific, their Cuba Gypsum facility produces gypsum cores for fire doors. [Georgia Pacific, 7/2012]

#### Georgia-Pacific Has 5 Companies Registered In Missouri

**In 2006, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on December 22nd, 2006. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

- **Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC Had A Facility In Cuba, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC was located at 715 South Franklin, Cuba, MO 65453. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific Treated Lumber LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Georgia-Pacific Treated Lumber LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on January 29th, 2007. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Georgia-Pacific LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on February 6th, 2007. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on February 22nd, 2007. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**In 2007, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on January 29th, 2007. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

- **Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC Had A Facility In Kansas City, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC was located at 8600 NE 38th Street, Kansas City, MO 64161. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]

### **Georgia Pacific's Cuba Gypsum Facility Was Fined Over \$2,500 For A Serious Workplace Safety Violation**

**In 2012, The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Issued The Georgia-Pacific Pacific Cuba Gypsum Facility A \$2,550 Fine For A Serious Violation Involving Inadequate Machine Guarding.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products facility at 715 S. Franklin St. Cuba, MO 65453 was fined \$2,550 by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration on June 25th, 2012. The "serious" violation cited "1910.212 A01 Machinery and Machine Guarding." According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Regulations listings, "1910.212 A01 Types of guarding. One or more methods of machine guarding shall be provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks. Examples of guarding methods are-barrier guards, two-hand tripping devices, electronic safety devices, etc." [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [6/25/16](#)]

- **The Violation Was Ultimately Settled For \$1,800.** According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the penalty reached an informal settlement for \$1,800 on August 28th, 2016. [Occupational Safety & Health Administration, [8/28/16](#)]

## **KOCH CARBON**

**In 2002, Koch Carbon, LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Koch Carbon, LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on April 22nd, 2002. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

## **KOCH PIPELINE**

**In 1995, Koch Pipeline Company, LP Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Koch Pipeline Company, LP registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on November 30th, 1995. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

- **Koch Pipeline Company, LP Has A Facility In Blythedale, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Company, LP was located at Route N And Route B, Blythedale, MO 64632. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]
- **Koch Pipeline Company Co Has A Facility In Cairo, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Company Co was located at 1181 County Rd 1945, Cairo, MO 65239. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]
- **Koch Pipeline Company, LP Has A Facility In Jacksonville, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Company Co was located at 1181 County Road 1945, Jacksonville, MO 65260. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]

- **Koch Pipeline Company, LP Has A Facility In Eagleville, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Pipeline Company Co was located at 25346 E. 110th Place, Eagleville, MO 64442. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]

### **Koch Pipeline's Missouri Wood River Pipeline Transported Crude Oil Through The State**

**Koch Pipeline's Wood River Pipeline In Missouri Was The Company's Longest Operated By The Company At 580 Miles.** According to Investopedia, "Koch Pipeline Company operates approximately 4,000 miles of pipeline in six U.S. states, including nearly a dozen pipeline systems transporting crude oil, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products and chemicals. [...] The longest pipelines operated by the company include the 580-mile Wood River Pipeline in Missouri and a 540-mile pipeline system in South Texas, which both transport crude oil." [Investopedia, [10/29/15](#)]

**The Koch Wood River Pipeline In Missouri Transported Crude Oil From Hartford, Ill., To The St. Paul, Minn., Area.** According to Koch Pipeline, "580-mile Wood River Pipeline in Missouri has transported crude oil from Hartford, Ill., to the St. Paul, Minn., area." [Koch Pipeline, accessed [7/14/16](#)]

### **Wood River Pipeline Was Fined \$40,000 For Damaging A Vegetable Farmer's Property During Construction In 1981**

**Wood River Pipeline Co. V. Sommer: Wood River Condemned Property On A Vegetable Farm For Construction Of Their Pipeline, Damaged The Property, And Were Ordered By A Jury To Pay \$40,000 In Damages.** According to Justia US Law, "The appellant, Wood River Pipeline Company ('Wood River') appeals from a jury award in the amount of \$40,000 in favor of the respondents, William and Barbara Sommer. The respondents operate a vegetable farm on a twenty acre parcel of land in St. \*267 Charles County, Missouri. In 1981 Wood River condemned a fifty foot easement running diagonally across the Sommer's property in order to construct and maintain an oil pipeline. Commissioners were appointed pursuant to Section 523.040, RSMo (1978) and assessed damages resulting from the condemnation at \$9,000. Both parties filed written exceptions to the assessment of the Commissioners and the case came before a jury on the issue of damages in October 1986. After a mistrial was declared in that case, it was retried on January 20, 1987. Barbara Sommer testified on behalf of respondents as to the value of the land taken. In her opinion, damage to the property totaled \$42,500, the bulk of which was damage to the remainder of the property attributed to the presence of the pipeline. Dub Crutcher, a real estate appraiser, testified as an expert witness on behalf of Wood River. He used the market approach to arrive at a total damage figure of \$4,360, the value of the land taken. He stated that the existence of the pipeline on the Sommer's land had no effect on the market value of the remainder. The jury returned a verdict of \$40,000 in favor of the Sommers. [...] Finding no error, we affirm the judgment of the trial court." [Justia US Law, [7/26/88](#)]

- **The Wood River Pipeline Co. Damaged Pipes, Harmed Crop Yields, Impeded The Sommer's Farming Process, And Left The Risk Of Pipeline Related Damage On Their Property.** According to Justia US Law, "During the course of construction, irrigation pipes were damaged, crops were lost and the nature of the soil over the easement was changed making plowing difficult. Wood River had installed a device in the easement called a 'cathodic protection wire' to cut down or prevent pipeline corrosion. A nearby pipeline was being replaced due to corrosion in the pipe which, if left untreated, could result in leakage and ground contamination. A pipeline across from another parcel owned by the Sommers had been broken and had caused damage. Sommer felt that this risk would affect the market value of her property." [Justia US Law, [7/26/88](#)]
- **Wood River Pipeline Appealed The Ruling, Seeking A Way Out Of Paying The Damages Awarded To The Sommers.** According to Justia US Law, "The appellant, Wood River Pipeline Company ('Wood River') appeals from a jury award in the amount of \$40,000 in favor of the respondents, William and Barbara Sommer." [Justia US Law, [7/26/88](#)]

## KOCH AG & ENERGY SOLUTIONS

**In 2011, Koch Agronomic Services, LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Koch Agronomic Services, LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on February 18th, 2011. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**In 2015, Koch Ag & Energy Solutions, LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Koch Ag & Energy Solutions, LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on February 4th, 2015. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**Koch Agronomic Services, LLC Had A Facility In St. Louis, Missouri.** According to the EPA's ECHO Database, Koch Agronomic Services, LLC Co was located at 39 Bremen Ave, St. Louis, MO 63147. [EPA ECHO Database, accessed [6/24/16](#)]

## FLINT HILLS RESOURCES

**In 1995, Flint Hills Resources, LP Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Flint Hills Resources, LP registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on April 18th, 1995. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**In 2006, Flint Hills Resources Canada, LP Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Flint Hills Resources Canada, LP registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on February 22nd, 2006. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

**In 2010, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC Registered In Missouri.** According to the Missouri Secretary of State Online Business Filing, Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC registered in Missouri as a foreign corporation on August 20th, 2010. [Missouri Secretary of State, accessed 6/24/16]

### Flint Hills Resources Transported Diesel Fuels In Missouri

**Flint Hills Resources Operated On A Carthage-Magellan Pipeline And A Springfield-Magellan Pipeline.** According to Flint Hills Resources, Flint Hills Resources operated on a Carthage-Magellan pipeline and a Springfield-Magellan pipeline. [Flint Hills Resources, accessed [6/27/16](#)]

- **Flint Hills Resources Carthage-Magellan Pipeline Transports Diesel Products.** According to Flint Hills Resources, Flint Hills Resources Carthage-Magellan pipeline transports diesel products. [Flint Hills Resources, accessed [7/15/16](#)]
- **Flint Hills Resources Springfield-Magellan Pipeline Transports Diesel Products.** According to Flint Hills Resources, Flint Hills Resources Springfield-Magellan pipeline transports diesel products. [Flint Hills Resources, accessed [7/15/16](#)]

## Koch Industries Repeatedly Polluted Missouri's Water, & Paid A Record Civil Settlement For Doing So

### IN 2000, KOCH INDUSTRIES SETTLED A COLLECTION OF LAWSUITS FOR A RECORD \$35 MILLION FOR MASSIVE OIL SPILLS IN 6 STATES INCLUDING MISSOURI

**Koch Industries Settled A Collection Of Lawsuits For A Record \$35 Million With The U.S. Government Who Accused Them Of Violating The Clean Water Act By "Spilling Millions Of Gallons Of Oil From Its Pipelines Into Waters And Wetlands In Six States" Including Missouri.** According to the New York Times, "Early this year, Koch



agreed to pay a \$30 million civil fine for violating the Clean Water Act; the fine was the largest ever imposed on a company for violating the law. It also settled suits that accused it of spilling millions of gallons of oil from its pipelines into waters and wetlands in six states. The \$35 million settlement resolved suits by the federal government and Texas regarding spills in Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.” [New York Times, [9/29/00](#)]

- **Koch Industries’ Oil Spill Polluted Waterways In Missouri.** According to the Associated Press, “One of the country’s largest oil pipeline operators, Koch Industries, agreed Thursday to pay \$35 million in penalties for leaking 3 million gallons of oil into lakes and streams in six states. [...] The spills polluted waterways in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Missouri, according to the EPA.” [Associated Press, [1/14/00](#)]
- **Koch Pipeline Co. Senior Vice President Pat McCann Called The Settlement “Reasonable And Fair” Because It Would “Avoid Years Of Litigation” That Could Have Produced Fines Of Over \$200 Million.** According to the Wall street Journal, “Pat McCann, senior vice president of Koch Pipeline Co., one of a number of officials of Koch and its subsidiaries who signed the agreement, called it ‘reasonable and fair.’ He said it would avoid ‘years of litigation.’ The charges in the case, which involved spills in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Alabama, could have produced fines of over \$200 million, if the courts found against Koch on every major allegation.” [Wall street Journal, [1/14/00](#)]

### **In 1994, Koch Industries Spilled Over 40,000 Gallons Of Asphalt Cement In Jackson County, MO**

**1994: Koch Industries Spilled Over 40,000 Gallons Of Asphalt Cement In Jackson County, MO.** According to the Associated Press, “Koch Industries spill sites in Kansas and Missouri: Jackson County, Mo., Oct. 11, 1994, 952.38 barrels [40,000 gallons] of asphalt cement spilled, after failure of two asphalt processing units.” [Associated Press accessed via Nexis, 1/13/00]

## **KOCH COMPANIES WERE CITED MULTIPLE TIMES FOR WATER POLLUTION IN MISSOURI**

**2009: Georgia-Pacific’s Cuba Facility Was Sent A Notice Of Violation For Water Pollution.** According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Georgia-Pacific’s Cuba Gypsum facility was sent a notice of violation for water pollution on December 17, 2009. [DNR.MO.gov, accessed 7/20/16]

**2010: Georgia-Pacific’s Cuba Facility Was Sent A Letter Of Warning For Water Pollution.** According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Georgia-Pacific’s Cuba Gypsum facility was sent a letter of warning for water pollution on December 13, 2010. [DNR.MO.gov, accessed 7/20/16]

**2011-2012: Koch Pipeline’s Eagleville Facility Was Sent Three Letters Of Warning For Water Pollution.** According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Koch Pipeline’s Eagleville facility was sent letters of warning for water pollution on March 28, 2012, January 12, 2011, and June 24, 2011. [DNR.MO.gov, accessed 7/20/16]

## **THE KOCH NETWORK IN MISSOURI**

### **Americans for Prosperity**

### **AFP-MISSOURI LAUNCHED ITS MISSOURI OPERATIONS IN 2007**

**Americans For Prosperity Launched Their Missouri Operations In October 2007.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “AFP-MO began in October 2007 and now has over 50,000 activists. The group holds organizational meetings throughout the state in a traditional grass roots approach with meetings at people’s homes, libraries, and community centers.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, accessed [3/28/14](#)]

## **By 2015, AFP Claimed To Have Over 50,000 Activists In Missouri**

**AFP-MO Claimed To Have Over 50,000 Activists As Of 2015.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “AFP-MO began in October 2007 and now has over 50,000 activists. The group holds organizational meetings throughout the state in a traditional grass roots approach with meetings at people’s homes, libraries, and community centers.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, accessed [7/19/15](#)]

## **Americans For Prosperity Was Founded By The Koch Brothers**

**Americans For Prosperity’s Founders Were “Billionaire David Koch, And His Brother, Charles Koch.”** According to the Washington Post, “Americans for Prosperity’s increasing involvement in races this cycle has caught the attention of the New Yorker, which earlier this week published a lengthy investigative piece on the organization’s co-founder, billionaire David Koch, and his brother, Charles Koch.” [Washington Post, [8/26/10](#)]

## **AFP FOMENTED THE RISE OF THE TEA PARTY IN MISSOURI**

**St. Louis Today: Americans For Prosperity “Was A Key Cog In Fomenting The Rise Of The Tea Party In Missouri.”** According to St. Louis Today, “Former State Rep. Carl Bearden, a St. Charles Republican, is stepping down as the head of the Missouri chapter of Americans for Prosperity, the national political organization that was a key cog in fomenting the rise of the Tea Party in Missouri this year.” [St. Louis Today, [7/2/10](#)]

## **AFP-MISSOURI LEADERSHIP & OPERATIVES**

### **Missouri Deputy State Director Rachel Payton**

**Rachel Payton Became Americans For Prosperity’s Missouri Deputy State Director In February Of 2013.** According to LinkedIn, Rachel Payton is currently Americans for Prosperity’s Missouri Deputy State Director and has been since February 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/28/16](#)]

**Rachel Payton Was Americans For Prosperity’s Western MO Field Director And MO State Policy Coordinator Between January 2013 And February 2014.** According to LinkedIn, Rachel Payton served as Americans for Prosperity’s Western MO Field Director and MO State Policy Coordinator from January 2013 – February 2014. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/28/16](#)]

**Rachel Payton Was Americans For Prosperity’s Mid-Missouri Field Coordinator Between March 2012 And January 2013.** According to LinkedIn, Rachel Payton served as Americans for Prosperity’s Mid-Missouri Field Coordinator from March 2012 - January 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/28/16](#)]

**Rachel Payton Was Registered As A Lobbyist Americans For Prosperity–Missouri Since 2013.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission Lobbyist Summary, Rachel Payton served as Americans for Prosperity-Missouri’s lobbyist and has since 2013. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

- **Rachel Payton And Americans For Prosperity-Missouri Lobby Only In The General Assembly With Elected Officials.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission Lobbyist Summary, Rachel Payton and Americans for Prosperity-Missouri lobby only in the General Assembly with elected officials. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

**Rachel Payton Volunteered For The Bush-Cheney Campaign In 2004 And Worked For Former Congressman Kenny Hulshof.** According to the Columbia Business Times, “Rachel Payton has a long history of political involvement. In 2000, she volunteered 10 hours to a political campaign for class, and in her own words, became hooked. She’s since volunteered on Jim Talent’s 2002 campaign, Bush-Cheney in 2004 and worked for former Congressman Kenny Hulshof, among others, before being hired as a field coordinator for Americans for Prosperity Foundation in 2012.” [Columbia Business Times, [12/23/13](#)]

### **Former AFP Missouri State Director Patrick Werner**

#### **Patrick Werner Was Americans For Prosperity's Missouri State Director Between July 2011 And January 2016.**

According to LinkedIn, Patrick Werner served as Americans for Prosperity's Missouri State Director from July 2011 - January 2016. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/28/16](#)]

**Patrick Werner Served As An Americans For Prosperity – Missouri Lobbyist From 2013 To 2014.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission Lobbyist Summary, Patrick Werner served as Americans for Prosperity–Missouri's lobbyist from 2013 - 2014. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

*Werner Previously Worked As Todd Akin's District Director*

**Patrick Werner Served As The District Director For The United States House Of Representatives Under Todd Akin, And The District Director For The United States Senate Under Kit Bond.** According to Stay Tuned, "Patrick Werner is the Missouri State Director of Americans For Prosperity. Patrick previously served as the District Director for the United States House of Representatives under Todd Akin, and the District Director for the United States Senate under Kit Bond." [Stay Tuned, accessed [7/11/16](#)]

### **Former AFP Missouri State Director Carl Bearden**

**Carl Bearden Was Americans For Prosperity's Missouri State Director Between 2007 And 2010.** According to LinkedIn, Carl Bearden served as Americans for Prosperity's Missouri State Director from 2007 - 2010. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/28/16](#)]

**Carl Bearden Served As Americans For Prosperity–Missouri's Lobbyist In 2011.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission Lobbyist Summary, Carl Bearden served as Americans for Prosperity–Missouri's lobbyist in 2011. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

**Carl Bearden Was Named The Executive Director Of United For Missouri's Future And United For Missouri.** According to United for Missouri, "Carl Bearden is the executive director of United for Missouri's Future and United for Missouri. These two organizations seek to educate, communicate and activate Missourians on state and local fiscal policy issues. This mission is accomplished through training sessions, rallies, assisting other organizations in helping their members' voices being heard and provide opportunities for Missourians to let their legislators know of their support or opposition to numerous legislative proposals." [United for Missouri, accessed [7/11/16](#)]

**Former AFP Missouri State Director Carl Bearden Was Named Co-Chair Of Ted Cruz's Missouri Leadership Team In September 2015.** According to a press release by Cruz for President obtained via States News Service, "U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, today announced 32 conservative influencers as part of his Missouri Leadership Team, comprised of current and former elected officials, pastors, education leaders, conservative and liberty activists, and pro-life and pro-family leaders. Former Missouri House Speaker Pro Tem Carl Bearden, Rep. Eric Burlison, former State Sen. Jim Lembke, former State Sen. Delbert Scott, Bev Ehlen, and Ryan Johnson will serve as co-chairs. [...] Carl Bearden served as the Speaker Pro Tem of the Missouri House of Representatives between 2005 and 2007. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran, executive director of United for Missouri, and past state director of the Missouri chapter of Americans for Prosperity. Bearden has 35 years of private business experience." [Cruz for President, [9/11/15](#)]

## **FIELD OPERATIONS**

### **AFP- Missouri Has 3 Field Offices Located In Kansas City, Springfield, And Columbia**

**AFP- Missouri Has 3 Offices Located In Kansas City, Springfield, And Columbia.** According to Americans for Prosperity, "Contact AFP Missouri[.]404-D East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131[.]452 West Battlefield Road, Springfield, Missouri 65807[.]1301 Vandiver Drive Suite Q/R, Columbia, Missouri 65202[.] [Americans for Prosperity, accessed [6/28/16](#)]

## American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)

### THE KOCH BROTHERS HAVE DECADES-LONG CONNECTIONS WITH ALEC

**Center for Public Integrity: “The Koch Brothers Have Decades-Long Connections With ALEC,” Which Gave Them An Award In 1994.** According to The Center for Public Integrity, “The Koch brothers have decades-long connections with ALEC, which gave the brothers the Adam Smith Free Enterprise Award in 1994.” [The Center for Public Integrity, [1/31/2013](#)]

**Koch Industries Has Donated “An Untold Amount” To ALEC And Chaired ALEC's Corporate Board.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Research from CMD and GreenPeace documents that the Koch foundations have given ALEC at least \$600,000 in the past decade or so, and Koch Industries has donated an untold amount. The Kochs also bailed out ALEC with a loan of nearly half a million dollars in the late 1990s. Koch Industries has also chaired ALEC's corporate board and has had a seat on its board for over a decade. Plus, another subsidy unaccounted for by ALEC is the money corporations like Koch have spent on having the head of its lobbying arm involved in ALEC's leadership as well as whatever amount of time the company spends crafting ALEC ‘model’ legislation.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [7/13/11](#)]

### ALEC Has Received At Least \$1.5 Million From The Koch Network Since 1993

**Between 1993 And 2014, Koch Connected Groups Gave Over \$1.5 Million To The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).** According to Conservative Transparency, between 1993 and 2014, Koch connected groups gave at least \$1,573,898 to the American Legislative Exchange Council. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Donor	Recipient	Contribution
2014	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$150,000
2014	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$130,640
2014	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$11,000
2014	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$70,000
2014	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$18,000
2014	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$25,000
2014	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$20,000
2014	DonorsTrust	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$300
2014	DonorsTrust	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$1,000
2014	DonorsTrust	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$5,000
2013	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$2,500
2013	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$40,000
2013	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$65,000
2012	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$71,100
2012	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$25,000
2012	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$17,500
2012	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$150,000
2011	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$150,000
2011	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$20,000
2010	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$100,000
2010	DonorsTrust	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$25,000
2009	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$75,858
2009	Donors Capital Fund	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$8,000



2002	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$30,000
2001	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$75,000
2000	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$85,000
1999	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$13,000
1998	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$70,000
1997	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$30,000
1997	Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$30,000
1993	Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation	American Legislative Exchange Council	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,573,898</b>

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/26/16](#)]

## ALEC BRINGS TOGETHER STATE LEGISLATORS AND CORPORATE INTERESTS

**ALEC Aimed To Unite State Legislators And Business Leaders To Further Free-Market, Limited-Government Legislation At The State Level.** From the American Legislative Exchange Council’s website, “The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It provides a constructive forum for state legislators and private sector leaders to discuss and exchange practical, state-level public policy issues. The potential solutions discussed at ALEC focus on free markets, limited government and constitutional division of powers between the federal and state governments. [...] ALEC is a think-tank for state-based public policy issues and potential solutions. It publishes research and writing on issues that are of importance to its members. It holds meetings where people from public and private sectors share their views. It also develops model bills and resolutions on economic issues.” [ALEC.org, accessed [4/13/12](#)]

### **ALEC Has Given Corporations Power To Alter Model Legislation That Is Often Introduced In State Legislatures.**

According to Bloomberg, “If the final language doesn’t turn out the way they like, industry representatives have the power to block it from being posted in ALEC’s online library where it can be downloaded by state lawmakers. Legislators and private-sector task force members must vote to endorse any model legislation -- and each group must deliver a majority before it is officially adopted, [ALEC spokeswoman Raegan] Weber said.” [Bloomberg, [7/21/11](#)]

**Reporter John Nichols: ALEC’s Goal “Is The Advancement Of An Agenda That Seems To Be Dictated At Almost Every Turn By Multinational Corporations.”** According to NPR, “All of those pieces of legislation and those resolutions [in the documents] really err toward a goal, and that goal is the advancement of an agenda that seems to be dictated at almost every turn by multinational corporations,’ Nichols tells Fresh Air’s Terry Gross. ‘It’s to clear the way for lower taxes, less regulation, a lot of protection against lawsuits, [and] ALEC is very, very active in [the] opening up of areas via privatization for corporations to make more money, particularly in places you might not usually expect like public education.” [NPR, [7/21/11](#)]

## ALEC HAS “EXERTED EXTRAORDINARY AND SECRETIVE INFLUENCE IN THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE”

### **Progress Missouri: ALEC Has “Exerted Extraordinary And Secretive Influence In The Missouri Legislature.”**

According to McClatchyDC, “A study released Monday by the liberal group Progress Missouri purported to detail how the American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, has “exerted extraordinary and secretive influence in the Missouri legislature and other states.” [McClatchyDC, [4/17/12](#)]

### **More Than 60 Bills Introduced In The Missouri Statehouse Were Nearly Identical To ALEC Model Legislation**

**Progress Missouri: More Than 60 Bills Introduced In The Missouri Statehouse In Recent Years Were Nearly Identical To ALEC Model Legislation.** According to McClatchyDC, “Progress Missouri identified more than 60 Missouri bills that directly echo ALEC models. ALEC bills in Missouri include so-called right to work laws, bans on implementation of the Common Core State Standards, resolutions supporting the Keystone XL pipeline, an act relating to wireless

communication towers, voter registration hurdles, a ‘parent trigger act,’ a ‘parents’ rights’ resolution, purely political resolutions ‘reaffirming 10th amendment rights,’ a ‘private attorney retention act,’ an Anti-Affordable Care Act ballot measure, a resolution opposing food and beverage taxes, an ‘asbestos fairness act,’ a resolution supporting the electoral college, a ‘castle doctrine’ law, a resolution encouraging congress to undermine Social Security, and a ‘private property protection act.” [Progress Missouri, [11/3/15](#)]

### *Legislation Was On Issues Ranging From Right-To-Work To Health Care To School Privatization*

**ALEC Model Legislation On Issues Ranging From Labor Laws To Charter Schools To Voting Rights Has Been Introduced In Missouri Bills.** According to McClatchyDC, “In Missouri, bills dealing with labor laws, charter schools, voting rights and a range of other issues have been introduced in recent years that are virtually identical to ALEC model legislation.” [McClatchyDC, [4/17/12](#)]

- **McClatchyDC: A Successful 2010 “Ballot Initiative Aimed At Keeping Missouri From Enforcing The Federal Mandate To Purchase Health Insurance” Was Directly Influenced By ALEC.** According to McClatchyDC, “One example of a successful bill was the 2010 ballot initiative aimed at keeping Missouri from enforcing the federal mandate to purchase health insurance. The bill’s legislative sponsor, Sen. Jane Cunningham, a Republican, made no secret that she got the idea directly from ALEC.” [McClatchyDC, [4/17/12](#)]

### **Around 90 Current And Former Missouri Legislators Have Ties To ALEC**

**Progress Missouri: 90 Missouri Legislators, Present And Past, Have Been Identified As Having Ties To ALEC.**

According to Progress Missouri, “Nearly 90 legislators, present and past, in Missouri have been identified as having ties to ALEC, and the number may be much higher. Identifying the list of Missouri legislators who are part of ALEC is a difficult task, because ALEC operates largely in secret. Even though they claim to be a legislative membership organization, there is no full list of members made public by the organization. Missouri legislators with ALEC ties include Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, Sen. Bob Dixon, Sen. Mike Parson, Rep. Caleb Rowden, and Rep. Gary Cross.” [Progress Missouri, [11/3/15](#)]

**ALEC Added 18 New Missouri Legislator Members In 2016.** According to ALEC, “We’re delighted to welcome 18 new legislator members in Missouri from both sides of the aisle to collaborate with policymakers across the country.” [ALEC, [2/23/16](#)]

### *ALEC’s CEO Met With Missouri Lawmakers*

**ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson Met With Lawmakers In The Missouri General Assembly “To Discuss How The American Legislative Exchange Council Can Be A Policy Resource.”** According to ALEC, “Recently, CEO Lisa B. Nelson met with lawmakers in the Missouri General Assembly. Lisa was welcomed by Speaker Todd Richardson, House Majority Floor Leader Mike Cierpiot and Senate President Pro-Tem Ron Richard to discuss how the American Legislative Exchange Council can be a policy resource in the Show-Me State.” [ALEC, [2/23/16](#)]

## **State Policy Network**

### **THE STATE POLICY NETWORK LISTED THE SHOW-ME INSTITUTE AS ITS MISSOURI MEMBER**

**The State Policy Network Listed The Show-Me Institute As Its Missouri Member.** According to the State Policy Network’s member directory, its Missouri member is the Show-Me Institute. [SPN.org, viewed [6/29/16](#)]

### **The State Policy Network Received Significant Funding From The Koch Brothers**

**State Policy Network Members’ Fundraising Included “Major” Koch Money.** According to the Huffington Post, “In 2011, the State Policy Network and its affiliates reported raising a combined \$83.2 million, according to the Center for Media and Democracy. While donors to the groups are not required to be disclosed, a 2010 document opened a window on some of

them. They included the Donors Trust and the Donors Capital Fund, both secretive right-wing funding instruments, as well as Altria, AT&T, Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline, Kraft Foods, Microsoft, Reynolds American and Time Warner Cable. Multiple documents reviewed in the report also show that the Koch brothers, known for their extensive funding of conservative activist causes, are major funders of the State Policy Network and its affiliates through their linked foundations and Koch Industries.” [Huffington Post, [11/14/13](#)]

**More Than Half Of SPN’s Funding Came From Koch-Backed Donors Capital Fund.** According to State Policy Network tax documents, State Policy Network has received \$14,828,024 from Donors Capital Fund since 2002, and \$24,878,738 overall since 1993. [State Policy Network Forms IRS Form 990, [1993-2013](#)]

## **THE SHOW-ME INSTITUTE WAS A MEMBER OF ALEC**

**The Show-Me Institute Was A Member Of ALEC And Their Policy Initiatives Have Their Roots In ALEC Model Legislation.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “The Show-Me Institute does not act alone. It is a member of ALEC, and many of the education initiatives it promotes appear to have their roots in ALEC ‘model’ legislation, such as tuition tax credits, parent trigger legislation, and attacks on union rights.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

### **A Former Show-Me Institute Policy Analyst Went On To Work At ALEC And AFP**

**Christine Harbin Served As A Show-Me Institute Policy Analyst From July 2009 – June 2011.** According to LinkedIn, Christine Harbin served as a Show-Me Institute policy analyst from July 2009 – June 2011. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

**Christine Harbin Served As An ALEC Research Manager From June 2011 – April 2012.** According to LinkedIn, Christine Harbin served as an ALEC research manager from June 2011 – April 2012. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

**Christine Harbin Became Americans For Prosperity’s Director Of Federal Affairs And Strategic Initiatives In April Of 2012.** According to LinkedIn, Christine Harbin has served Americans for Prosperity’s Director of Federal Affairs and Strategic Initiatives since April 2012. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

## **THE SHOW-ME INSTITUTE RECEIVED AT LEAST \$898,442 FROM KOCH CONNECTED GROUPS**

**The Show-Me Institute Received \$677,891 From Donors Capital Fund From 2005 – 2014.** According to Donors Capital Fund tax documents, the Show-Me Institute received \$677,891 from Donors Capital Fund from 2005 – 2014. [Donors Capital Fund Form 990 accessed via Conservative Transparency, [2005-2014](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Received \$170,551 From The State Policy Network From 2007 – 2014.** According to State Policy Network tax documents, the Show-Me Institute received \$170,551 from the State Policy Network from 2007 – 2014. [State Policy Network IRS Form 990, [2007-2014](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Received \$50,000 From The Cato Institute In 2006.** According to Cato Institute tax documents, the Show-Me Institute received \$50,000 from the Cato Institute in 2006. [Cato Institute IRS Form 990, [2007-2014](#)]

## **THE SHOW-ME INSTITUTE WAS STARTED BY REX SINQUEFIELD TO OPERATE AS A FREE MARKET THINK TANK**

**The Show-Me Institute Was Started By Rex Sinquefield, One Of The Nation's Biggest Conservative Donors.** According to the Wall Street Journal, “[Rex Sinquefield] is nonetheless one of the nation's biggest conservative donors in a political year when they are much in the spotlight. [...] He is always looking for new ideas. In 2005, he launched the Show-Me Institute, a free-market think tank based in St. Louis. Motto: ‘Advancing liberty with responsibility by promoting market solutions for Missouri public policy.’ Mr. Sinquefield's eyes light up when he cites the institute's findings on matters like tax policy and school vouchers. He may have been bored with the fund business, but he isn't bored now.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/26/12](#)]

- **Rex Sinefield Was The President Of The Show-Me Institute, While The Institute Was “Led By Brenda Talent, The Wife Of Former U.S. Senator Jim Talent.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Rex Sinefield is the institute's president, and his daughter is also employed there (and spends her time tweeting rightwing talking points). The institute is currently led by Brenda Talent, the wife of former U.S. Senator Jim Talent.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

**Center For Media And Democracy: Sinefield Invested Millions In Pursuing His Main Interests Of “Rolling Back Taxes” And “Rescuing Education From Teachers’ Unions.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Sinefield told The Wall Street Journal in 2012 that his two main interests are ‘rolling back taxes’ and ‘rescuing education from teachers’ unions.’ His anti-tax, anti-labor, and anti-public education views are common fare on the right. But what sets Sinefield apart is the systematic way he has used his millions to try to push his private agenda down the throats of the citizens of Missouri.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Promoted Itself As The “Only Think Tank In Missouri Dedicated To Promoting Free Markets And Individual Liberty.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “The Show-Me Institute is the only think tank in Missouri dedicated to promoting free markets and individual liberty. Our vision is for Missouri to be a place where entrepreneurs are free to pursue their dreams, where parents are free to direct the education and upbringing of their children, where the principles that guide state policy are those which enhance freedom, and where all Missourians are free from dependence on government.” [Show-Me Institute, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

### **Rex Sinefield Was A Major Funder Of ALEC And Club For Growth**

**Rex Sinefield Was A Major Funder Of ALEC And Club For Growth.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “He's a major funder of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and he has also bankrolled the Club for Growth.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

## **LIBRE**

### **THE LIBRE INITIATIVE, THE KOCH BROTHERS ASTROTURF LATINO OUTREACH GROUP, APPEARED AT EVENTS IN MISSOURI**

**Center For Media And Democracy: “The LIBRE Initiative Is...A Textbook Example Of Astroturfing Almost Entirely Funded By The Koch Brothers’ Secret Bank Freedom Partners.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, “Described as a ‘grassroots organization,’ the LIBRE Initiative is, in fact, a textbook example of astroturfing almost entirely funded by the Koch brothers’ secret bank Freedom Partners. The increased funding is part of a wider strategy to boost the network’s front groups, which was unveiled at the biannual donors summit at the Ritz Carlton in the Palm Springs desert on January 25.” [Center for Media and Democracy PR Watch, [2/10/15](#)]

- **The LIBRE Initiative Received At Least \$9.3 Million From Freedom Partners.** According to its Form 990 filings with the IRS, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce gave \$3,112,000 in grant money to the Libre Initiative Trust for the 2011 calendar year from November 2011 through October 2012, \$3,300,000 from November 2012 through October 2013 and \$2,900,000 in the last two months of 2013. [2011 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [10/3/13](#); 2012 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [9/23/14](#); 2013 Form 990, CitizenAudit, [11/21/14](#)]

**Between 2013 And 2016, The LIBRE Initiative Hosted Events In Several States Including Missouri.** According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “Since of 2013, LIBRE has hosted events in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]



**The LIBRE Initiative Hosted A Table At The National Council Of La Raza (NCLR) Annual Conference In Kansas City, Missouri.** According to the LIBRE Initiative, the LIBRE Initiative hosted a table at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri on July 11, 2015. [LIBRE Initiative, [7/11/15](#)]

- **Latin Post: The LIBRE Initiative And Latino Victory Project Discussed “The Need For Congressional Immigration Reform” At The Conference.** According to the Latin Post, “At the National Council of La Raza's (NCLR) annual conference in early July, groups with different political biases were present but had common ground that their mission is to support Latinos. In attendance were the right-leaning LIBRE Initiative, supported by the Charles and David Koch, and the left-leaning Latino Victory Project. Reports circulated that the aforementioned groups discussed on the need for congressional immigration reform.” [Latin Post, [7/28/15](#)]

## **LIBRE’S NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FINANCIAL HEALTH WAS BASED IN MISSOURI**

**Michael Barrera Served As The LIBRE Institute’s National Director Of Entrepreneurship And Financial Health From August 2011 – October 2014.** According to LinkedIn, Michael Barrera was the LIBRE Institute’s National Director of Entrepreneurship and Financial Health from August 2011 – October 2014. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

**Michael Barrera Was Based In Kansas City, Missouri.** According to LinkedIn, Michael Barrera was based out of Kansas City, Missouri. [LinkedIn, accessed [6/30/16](#)]

## **Academic Influence**

### **THE CHARLES KOCH FOUNDATION HAS DONATED OVER \$2.2 MILLION TO MISSOURI UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES**

#### **The Kochs Use University Donations As A Part Of A “Fully Integrated” Political Strategy**

**Time: “Almost All Of The Higher Education Programs The Koch Foundations [Have Funded] Cleave To The Brothers’ Philosophy Of Promoting Free Markets And Laissez-Faire Capitalism In The United States.”** According to Time, “Almost all of the higher education programs the Koch foundations fund cleave to the brothers’ philosophy of promoting free markets and laissez-faire capitalism in the United States.” [Time, [12/15/15](#)]

**Charles And David Koch Have Considered “The Higher Educational Programs They Fund A ‘Fully Integrated’ Part Of A Massive Organizational Network Fighting To Enact Deregulatory Government Policies And Elect Conservative Political Candidates.”** According to Aljazeera America, “This increased funding in 2014 follows a recent Center for Public Integrity investigation that revealed the Koch brothers, Charles and David, consider the higher educational programs they fund a ‘fully integrated’ part of a massive organizational network fighting to enact deregulatory government policies and elect conservative political candidates.” [Aljazeera America, [12/15/15](#)]

**Center For Public Integrity: Kevin Gentry, “A Top Lieutenant” Of The Koch Network, Told Koch Confab Attendees That Political Success “Begins With Reaching Young Minds In College Lecture Halls.”** According to the Center for Public Integrity, “Last year, a top lieutenant of Charles and David Koch’s vast network of philanthropic institutions, laid bare the billionaire brothers’ strategy to evangelize their gospel of economic freedom. Political success, Kevin Gentry told a crowd of elite supporters attending the annual Koch confab in Dana Point, Calif., begins with reaching young minds in college lecture halls, thereby preparing bright, libertarian-leaning students to one day occupy the halls of political power.” [Center for Public Integrity, [10/30/15](#)]

#### **Lindenwood University**

**In The Largest Grant In The University’s History, The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$2 Million To Lindenwood University’s Robert W. Plaster School Of Business & Entrepreneurship Constituting.** According to Lindenwood University, “Lindenwood University today announced that the Charles Koch Foundation has awarded \$2 million

in grant funding support for the John W. Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise in the University's Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship. President Michael D. Shonrock, Ph.D., said the grant is the largest received in Lindenwood history." [Lindenwood University, [11/30/15](#)]

- **Lindenwood University Announced That The Koch Foundation Grant Would Be Used To “Foster Free Enterprise And Civil And Religious Liberty Through The Examination Of Market-Oriented Approaches To Economic And Social Issues.”** According to Lindenwood University, “He said the funds will advance the Hammond Institute’s goals to foster free enterprise and civil and religious liberty through the examination of market-oriented approaches to economic and social issues.” [Lindenwood University, [11/30/15](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$10,000 To A Conference On Crony Capitalism At Lindenwood University.**

According to the Corporate Crime Reporter, “The Charles Koch Foundation will sponsor the upcoming ‘Capitalism, Crony Capitalism, and the Common Good’ conference at Lindenwood University. As keynote speakers, Ralph Nader and Grover Norquist will address the challenges and ethics involved in modern business. [...] [Lindenwood’s Rachel] Douchant said that to support the conference, the Charles Koch Foundation donated \$10,000 and a \$12,000 grant was received from the Earhart Foundation. The conference will be held March 19-21, 2015, on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri.” [Corporate Crime Reporter, [2/4/15](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$10,000 To Lindenwood University In 2014 For Educational Programs.**

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$13,500 To Lindenwood University In 2013 For Educational Programs.**

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$6,000 To Lindenwood University In 2012 For General Support.**

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$5,000 To Lindenwood University In 2010 For General Support.**

[Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

*Lindenwood University Professor Howard Wall: The Charles Koch Foundation Grant “Helped Us To Convince The University To Do Things It Wasn’t Comfortable With”*

**Lindenwood University Director Of The John W. Hammond Institute For Free Enterprise Howard Wall: The Charles Koch Foundation Grant “Helped Us To Convince The University To Do Things It Wasn’t Comfortable With” And When People Criticize The Grant For Polarization, They “Deserve Nothing More Than Mockery.”**

According to Alternet, “The grant ‘helped us to convince the university to do things it wasn’t comfortable with,’ said [Lindenwood University director of the John W. Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise Howard] Wall. And when people criticize the historic donation from a politically polarizing figure, Wall ‘mock[s] the complainers.’ ‘Many of the complainers, whose goal is usually to suppress the academic freedom of people they disagree with, deserve nothing more than mockery,’ Wall told AlterNet. Wall and his colleagues decided that ‘we are the 800-pound gorilla on campus because our grant from the Koch Foundation was the largest in the university’s history.’ When someone asked him, ‘Why don’t you do [a skit for incoming freshmen]?’ Wall replied, ‘I’ll give you two million reasons I’m not gonna do that.’” [Alternet, [9/8/16](#)]

*Lindenwood University Professor Howard Wall Recounted That He Has Used The Threat Of Charles Koch Foundation’s Legal Review To Make Sure Money Was Spent According To The Kochs Objectives*

**Lindenwood University Professor Howard Wall Said He Has Used The Threat Of Charles Koch Foundation Legal Review Process To Make Sure Money Is Spent Exactly The Way They Want.** According to Think Progress, “Use the threat of foundation lawyers to ensure money is spent your way. Lindenwood University professor Howard Wall, who is the director of the Hammond Institute and the Center for Economics and the Environment and serves as the chair of economics at the university, said it’s a good idea to reference the foundation’s legal team when dealing with challenges from administrators. ‘It’s mostly inside the university where you get some resistance from administrators getting the power to decide how money is spent, and they say ‘Oh, you have to do this,’ Wall said. ‘And then I’ve used the phrase, ‘Are you sure that the

Koch Foundation's lawyers will read that the same way you are?' And then they figure, 'Well they must have pretty good lawyers.'" [Think Progress, [5/13/16](#)]

- **Lindenwood University Director Of The John W. Hammond Institute For Free Enterprise Howard Wall Defended His Reasoning Claiming, "It's Not A Threat To Tell An Administrator That He Or She Is Running The Risk Of Having The University Violate A Legal Agreement."** According to Alternet, "And if university administrators question how the funds are being used, professors can flex Koch muscle. Said Wall, 'I've used the phrase, "Are you sure that the Koch Foundation's lawyers will read that the same way you are [reading it]?" And then they figure, 'Well, they must have pretty good lawyers.'" Wall told AlterNet, 'It's not a threat to tell an administrator that he or she is running the risk of having the university violate a legal agreement.'" [Alternet, [9/8/16](#)]

*Director Of The Koch-Funded John W. Hammond Institute For Free Enterprise Howard Wall Denied Lindenwood University's Counsel A Copy The Contract With The Koch Foundation.*

**Lindenwood University Director Of The John W. Hammond Institute For Free Enterprise Howard Wall Denied His New University Counsel A Copy The Contract With The Koch Foundation.** According to Alternet, "Wall, who teaches at a private university, added that he doesn't have any Freedom of Information Act 'problems.' 'But even so... a new university counsel came and he asked me for a copy of the contract, and I told him no.'" [Alternet, [9/8/16](#)]

*At Florida State University, Koch Grants Came With Conditions On Curriculum And Hiring*

**The Charles Koch Foundation Had A Role In Hiring Decisions At Florida State In Exchange For A Big Grant.**

According to NPR, "Some faculty members at Florida State University say their school has sold out to a conservative group that dangled a big donation. Recently released details show the university gave the Charles Koch foundation a role in hiring decisions in exchange for a big grant." [NPR, [5/13/11](#)]

- **The Grant Created A Special Advisory Board, Chosen By The Koch Foundation, That Has A Role In Choosing Faculty.** According to NPR, "But the grant created a special advisory board, chosen by the Koch Foundation, that has a role in choosing faculty. And that decision is leading to a world of controversy for the university." [NPR, [5/13/11](#)]
- **St. Petersburg Times: "During The First Round Of Hiring In 2009, Koch Rejected Nearly 60 Percent Of The Faculty's Suggestions."** According to St. Petersburg Times, "David W. Rasmussen, dean of the College of Social Sciences, defended the deal, initiated by an FSU graduate working for Koch. During the first round of hiring in 2009, Koch rejected nearly 60 percent of the faculty's suggestions but ultimately agreed on two candidates. Although the deal was signed in 2008 with little public controversy, the issue revived last week when two FSU professors - one retired, one active - criticized the contract in the Tallahassee Democrat as an affront to academic freedom." [St. Petersburg Times, 5/10/11]
- **CPI: The Charles Koch Foundation Wanted The Ability To "At Least Partially Control Which Faculty Members Florida State University Hired."** According to The Center for Public Integrity, "Second, the Charles Koch Foundation would at least partially control which faculty members Florida State University hired. [...] At Florida State University, Benson noted in a November 2007 memorandum that the Charles Koch Foundation would not just 'give us money to hire anyone we want and fund any graduate student that we choose. There are constraints.' Benson later added in the memo: 'Koch cannot tell a university who to hire, but they are going to try to make sure, through contractual terms and monitoring, that people hired are [to] be consistent with 'donor Intent.'" [Center for Public Integrity, [9/12/14](#)]

**Koch's Contract With Florida State University "Provides That The Programs Funded And Professors Hired Must 'Advance And Expand' Research And Teaching Related To 'Free Enterprise.'"** According to the Free Expression Policy Project, "Florida State's 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Koch likewise provides that the programs funded and professors hired must 'advance and expand' research and teaching related to 'free enterprise.' The agreement specifies that the Foundation will have approval power over faculty appointments that it funds. If the Foundation disagrees with a proposed appointment, it can refuse to fund the position." [Free Expression Policy Project, [11/13/14](#)]

- **The FSU Contract “Guaranteed Mandatory Reading Of Ayn Rand’s Writings In Some Courses.”** According to the Free Expression Policy Project, “Faculty at Florida State were upset in 2011 to discover that the grant also guaranteed mandatory reading of Ayn Rand’s writings in some courses.” [Free Expression Policy Project, [11/13/14](#)]
- **Koch Campus Donations Contained Conditions That Are “Explicitly Ideological.”** According to the Free Expression Policy Project, “Most of the funding has gone to economics departments, and the conditions are explicitly ideological.” [Free Expression Policy Project, [11/13/14](#)]

**CPI: Koch Foundation Required The “Curriculum It Funded Must Align With The Libertarian, Deregulatory Economic Philosophy Of Charles Koch.”** According to The Center for Public Integrity, “First, the curriculum it funded must align with the libertarian, deregulatory economic philosophy of Charles Koch, the billionaire industrialist and Republican political bankroller.” [Center for Public Integrity, [9/12/14](#)]

### **Southeast Missouri State University**

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$5,500 To Southeast Missouri State University To Fund A Study Group Centered On 20th Century Economist Murray Rothbard.** According to Southeast Missouri State University, “The Department of Economics and Finance at Southeast Missouri State University is launching a project entitled, ‘Man, Economy, and State: Reading Group and a Guest Speaker,’ supported by a \$5,500 grant awarded by the Charles Koch Foundation. [...] ‘This is a great opportunity for our students to read one of the most important books in economics, discuss it in depth, and form friendships both within and outside the University,’ said Dr. Natallia Gray, assistant professor of economics at Southeast, who will serve as the project director for the grant. As part of the project, a small group of students will read ‘Man, Economy, and State,’ a book by 20th century economist Murray Rothbard. The group, led by Gray, will meet twice a month to discuss the book. In addition, a guest speaker, Dr. Joseph Salerno, professor of economics and chair of the economics graduate program at the Lubin School of Business at Pace University, will visit the Cape Girardeau campus this spring. Salerno will speak about the implications of the book’s ideas for today’s economy.” [Southeast Missouri State University, [1/19/16](#)]

**The Southeast Missouri State University Chapter Of Young Americans For Liberty Received A Box Of “Atlas Shrugged” Copies From The Charles Koch Foundation And The Ayn Rand Institute.** According to Young Americans for Liberty, “The SEMO chapter of Young Americans for Liberty kicked off (literally) their Constitution Week celebration with a giant soccer ball, a couple of sharpies, and continual flow of outspoken students. We handed out pocket constitutions to everyone who participated, and invited fellow students to our meeting. [...] We received a box of ‘Atlas Shrugged’ copies from the Ayn Rand Institute and the Charles Koch Foundation, which we were able to hand out to meeting attendees.” [Young Americans for Liberty, [10/21/15](#)]



## University Of Missouri - Columbia

*The Charles Koch Foundation Donated At Least \$140,000 To The University Of Missouri*

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$113,000 To The University Of Missouri From 2008 - 2013 For Educational Programs.** According to Conservative Transparency, the Charles Koch Foundation donated \$33,000 to the University of Missouri in 2013, \$34,500 in 2011, \$14,000 in 2010, \$14,000 in 2009, and \$17,500 in 2008 for educational programs. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$27,000 To The University Of Missouri In 2012 For General Support.** [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

*More Than Half Of The Koch Foundation's Donation Were Used To Garner Influence In Policy Making Via The University's Economic Center*

**The Koch Foundation Donated \$88,500 In Grants To Support A Scholar At The University Of Missouri's Economic & Policy Analysis Research Center Which Was Known To Be Heavily Influential In Missouri Policymaking.** According to the Kansas City Star, "When Missouri lawmakers evaluate legislation, they rely on a nonpartisan staff to tell them how much money any particular bill could cost state government. In many cases, those legislative researchers rely on the expertise of economics professors at the University of Missouri's Economic & Policy Analysis Research Center, or EPARC. [...] Another EPARC research fellow has received \$88,500 in grants from the Koch Foundation since 2009." [Kansas City Star, [2/21/15](#)]

## Washington University

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$15,000 To Washington University In 2012 For General Support.** [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$6,000 To Washington University In 2011 For Educational Programs.** [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

## William Jewell College

**The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$5,100 To William Jewell College In 2012 For General Support.** [Charles Koch Foundation IRS Form 990, 2012][Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/24/16](#)]

## **MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE MARKETING**

**Koch Industries Kicked-Off A Sports Marketing Initiative "During The 2014-15 Basketball Season At 15 Select Universities In States" That Would Run Through The 2017-18 Athletic Season.** According to Learfield Sports, "Learfield Sports announced today it has launched a multi-year, integrated national sponsorship platform for Koch Industries, Inc. as the privately held company embarks on a broader initiative into collegiate sports marketing. The partnership tipped off during the 2014-15 basketball season at 15 select universities in states and will run through the 2017-18 athletic season." [Learfield Sports, [3/9/15](#)]

- **The Effort "Centered Around Men's And Women's Basketball And Football," And Heightened Brand Awareness Through "In-Venue Signage; Digital Inclusions And Social Media Campaigns; Game Sponsorships; And Radio Broadcast Features."** According to Learfield Sports, "Koch looks to Learfield to help tell its story to the dedicated college sports fan base and university communities. Centered around men's and women's basketball and football, the platform provides Koch multiple opportunities for heightened brand awareness through in-venue signage; digital inclusions and social media campaigns; game sponsorships; and radio broadcast features. Additionally, Koch will have opportunities to honor its employees or alumni through in-game, on-the-field or on-the-court recognition." [Learfield Sports, [3/9/15](#)]

- **The Campaign Was Set To Include All Ten Schools In The Missouri Valley Conference.** According to a press release from Learfield Sports, “Engagement at the university level will be complemented by national and regional exposure with the Missouri Valley Conference, also a Learfield partner, in which Koch will garner extensive branding opportunities during the men’s and women’s basketball championship tournaments. MVC’s 10 member schools are Bradley; Drake; Indiana State; Illinois State; Evansville; Loyola (Chicago); Wichita State; Missouri State; Southern Illinois and Northern Iowa.” [Learfield Sports, [3/9/15](#)]

### **Koch Industries Sought To Bolster Recruitment With College Students**

**Koch Industries Sought To “Bolster Recruitment” On College Campuses While Building A Positive Association With The “Passion And Loyalty Among The College Sector.”** According to Learfield Sports, “Koch looks to Learfield to help tell its story to the dedicated college sports fan base and university communities. [...] ‘We’re pleased to help Koch Industries dive into the dynamic marketplace of collegiate sports and develop a meaningful program across many states and many schools to help drive home their goals of being able to give back to the college communities and bolster recruitment awareness,’ said Learfield Sports’ Executive Vice President, National Sales Roy Seinfeld. ‘There is a special passion and loyalty among the college sector that is like no other, and we’re fortunate to bring this to life for Koch Industries and their many brands in what we believe will be an outstanding opportunity for them across the board.’” [Learfield Sports, [3/9/15](#)]

## **YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS**

### **Youth Entrepreneurs Was Taught In 41 High Schools Across Kansas And Missouri**

**Koch Industries “We Are Koch” Website: “Youth Entrepreneurs...Is A Hands-On Elective That Introduces The Subjects Of Business, Economics And Entrepreneurship To Students In 41 High Schools Across Kansas And Missouri.”** According to We Are Koch, “Youth Entrepreneurs, founded in 1991 by the Charles Koch Foundation, is a hands-on elective that introduces the subjects of business, economics and entrepreneurship to students in 41 high schools across Kansas and Missouri. Click on the YE alumni and faculty above to hear their stories of struggle, perseverance and how one class changed the trajectory of their lives.” [We Are Koch, accessed [11/4/15](#)]

### **Youth Entrepreneurs Was Fueled By Koch Funding**

**Between 1996 And 2013, Youth Entrepreneurs Received At Least \$2,717,842 From The Charles Koch Foundation.**

According to Conservative Transparency, Youth Entrepreneurs has received at least \$2,717,842 the Charles Koch Foundation from 1996 – 2013. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [11/4/15](#)]

**Between 2001 And 2012, Youth Entrepreneurs Received At Least \$3,093,535 From The Fred C. And Mary R. Koch Foundation.**

According to Conservative Transparency, Youth Entrepreneurs received \$3,093,535 from the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation from 2001 – 2012. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [11/4/15](#)]

- **Huffington Post: Youth Entrepreneurs Went From \$450,000 In Assets In 2007 To \$1.45 Million In 2012 With “The Lion's Share Of This Growth Fueled By Koch Family Foundations.”** According to the Huffington Post, “In 2007, YE reported assets of just over \$450,000. In 2012, its assets topped \$1.45 million. The lion's share of this growth was fueled by Koch family foundations.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

### **Koch’s Youth Entrepreneurs Aimed To Instill A “Radical Free-Market Ideology” In High Schoolers**

**Huffington Post: Charles Koch’s Youth Entrepreneurs Program Aimed To Impart His “Radical Free-Market Ideology” To High Schoolers, Reaching More Than 1,000 Students Across Kansas And Missouri In 2013.** According to the Huffington Post, “But it was actually run by Youth Entrepreneurs, a nonprofit group created and funded primarily by Charles G. Koch, the billionaire chairman of Koch Industries. The official mission of Youth Entrepreneurs is to provide kids with ‘business and entrepreneurial education and experiences that help them prosper and become contributing members of society.’ The underlying goal of the program, however, is to impart Koch's radical free-market ideology to teenagers. In the last school year, the class reached more than 1,000 students across Kansas and Missouri. [...] Vernon Birmingham, YE's

director of curriculum and teacher support, told HuffPost that the course will be in 42 schools in the coming school year.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

*Charles Koch Had A Hands-On Role In Designing Youth Entrepreneurs' Curriculum Which Emphasized That "Government Is The Enemy Of Liberty"*

**Huffington Post: Charles Koch Had A Hands-On Role In The Design Of The High School Curriculum.** According to the Huffington Post, “The emails show that Charles Koch had a hands-on role in the design of the high school curriculum, directly reviewing the work of those responsible for setting up the course. The goal, the group said flatly, was to turn young people into ‘liberty-advancing agents’ before they went to college, where they might learn ‘harmful’ liberal ideas.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

**Huffington Post: The Course's Message Was “The Minimum Wage Hurts Workers And Slows Economic Growth, Low Taxes And Less Regulation Allow People To Prosper, Public Assistance Harms The Poor,” And In Essence “Government Is The Enemy Of Liberty.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Lesson plans and class materials obtained by The Huffington Post make the course's message clear: The minimum wage hurts workers and slows economic growth. Low taxes and less regulation allow people to prosper. Public assistance harms the poor. Government, in short, is the enemy of liberty.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

*Koch-Funded Think Tanks Provided Many Of Youth Entrepreneurs' Course Materials And Teachers Were Trained At Koch Industries Headquarters*

**Huffington Post: “Koch-Funded Think Tanks Provide Many Of YE's Course Materials” And “Teachers Are Trained At Koch Industries Headquarters And Are Required To Read Charles Koch's Book The Science Of Success” In An Effort To “Change The Behavior Of Students Who Will Apply These Principles Later On In Life.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Koch-funded think tanks provide many of YE's course materials. Teachers are trained at Koch Industries headquarters and are required to read Charles Koch's book The Science of Success. The focus on high school students is a key part of the Kochs' long-term effort to create a libertarian-minded society from the ground up. ‘We hope to develop students' appreciation of liberty by improving free-market education’ the Koch associates wrote during the program's initial planning stages. ‘Ultimately, we hope this will change the behavior of students who will apply these principles later on in life.’” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

*Youth Entrepreneurs Sought To “Inoculate” Students Against Liberal Ideas Like A Livable Wage*

**Huffington Post: Youth Entrepreneurs “Aimed To ‘Inoculate’ Students Against Liberal Ideas By Assigning Them To Read Passages From Socialist And Marxist Writers, Whom They Called ‘Bad Guys’” Compared To Works By The Free Market Economist ‘Good Guys.’** According to the Huffington Post, “They aimed to ‘inoculate’ students against liberal ideas by assigning them to read passages from socialist and Marxist writers, whom they called ‘bad guys.’ These readings would then be compared to works by the ‘good guys’ -- free-market economists like Friedrich Hayek and Ludwig von Mises.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

**Huffington Post: The Koch Group Made A List Of “Common Economic Fallacies” Including: “Rich Get Richer At The Expense Of The Poor, Government Wealth Transfer Programs Help The Poor, Private Industry Incapable Of Doing Functions That Public Sector Has Always Done, Unions Protect The Employees, People With The Same Job Title Should Be Paid The Same Amount, Minimum Wage, ‘Living Wage,’ Laws Are Good For People/Society, Etc.”** According to the Huffington Post, “In late 2009, the Koch group made a list of ‘common economic fallacies’ that they believed should be repudiated. These included: Corporatism v. Free-market Capitalism, Deregulation is what caused recession in 80s, Economic problems of today, Rich get richer at the expense of the poor, FDR/New Deal brought us out of the depression, Government wealth transfer programs help the poor, Private industry incapable of doing functions that public sector has always done, Unions protect the employees, People with the same job title should be paid the same amount, Minimum wage, ‘living wage,’ laws are good for people/society, Capitalist societies provide an environment for greed and materialism to flourish, and Socialist countries do just fine, people have great lives there (using this as proof that socialism works.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

### **Huffington Post: “Members Of The Koch Team Viewed Their Mission As A Race Against The Progressive Left.”**

According to the Huffington Post, “Members of the Koch team viewed their mission as a race against the progressive left. ‘What is the other side doing? How is the left trying to infiltrate the educational system?’ they discussed at a Jan. 12, 2010, meeting, according to notes in the Google group.” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

### *Youth Entrepreneurs Taught That The Gender Pay Gap Was A Myth*

**Huffington Post: Youth Entrepreneurs Teaches That “The Gender Pay Gap Is A Myth.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Today, to teach its most controversial lessons, YE often relies on videos provided by the Charles Koch-chaired Institute for Humane Studies, which operates out of George Mason University in Virginia. The videos are produced and marketed under an institute arm called Learn Liberty, which offers dozens of educational videos on libertarian and conservative topics. One such video Davis showed his students defended price-gouging. ‘Anti-gouging laws don’t do anything to address’ shortages, the video’s narrator argues. Another video titled ‘Is There a Glass Ceiling?’ asserts that the gender pay gap is a myth. Women earn around 75 cents for every dollar earned by men, it says, but not because of discrimination in the labor market. Rather, it’s because of ‘differences in the choices that men and women make.’” [Huffington Post, [7/16/14](#)]

## **THE KOCHS’ HIJACKING OF MISSOURI**

### **Koch Groups Led The Fight Against Working Families In Missouri**

### **AFP-MO LED THE WAY IN PRESSING FOR THE PASSAGE OF RIGHT-TO-WORK LEGISLATION**

**AFP-MO Announced They Were “Proud To Lead A Coalition Of Over 80 Organizations In Educating On The Benefits Of Right-To-Work Policies On States.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Americans for Prosperity is proud to lead a coalition of over 80 organizations in educating on the benefits of Right to Work policies on states. The state legislature in Missouri will consider right to work legislation in an upcoming special session. We see evidence at the state level that Right to Work policies increase worker freedom and lead to more economic growth and lower unemployment.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [9/8/15](#)]

**AFP Released A Letter Signed By 55 Different Organizations Urging Missouri Lawmakers To Vote In Favor Of Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to the Missouri Times, “Americans for Prosperity (AFP), a conservative grassroots organization, released a letter at noon today urging Missouri lawmakers to vote in favor of Right to Work legislation. The letter, which is signed by 55 different organizations and can be read in full here, details the economic impact statistics that right to work legislation has had on the 25 states that have adopted such measures. ‘Right to Work states outperform their forced-union counterparts,’ the letter says. ‘According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Right to Work states have experienced greater job growth, population growth, and compensation growth over every significant measured amount of time.’” [Missouri Times, [7/29/15](#)]

### **The Missouri House Passed A Right-To-Work Measure Which Was Subsequently Vetoed By The Governor**

**The Missouri House Of Representatives Passed Right-To-Work HB116 In May 2015.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 116[.] Prohibits an employer from requiring a person to become a member of a labor organization as a condition or continuation of employment[.] 98th General Assembly , 1st Regular Session Activity History for HB 116 [...] House Adopts[.] 5/13/2015 H 2858 – 2859 Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed - AYES: 92 NOES: 66 PRESENT: 0.” [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/26/16](#)]

**Governor Jay Nixon Vetoed The Right-To-Work HB116 In June 2015.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 116[.] Prohibits an employer from requiring a person to become a member of a labor organization as a condition or continuation of employment[.] 98th General Assembly , 1st Regular Session Activity History for HB 116 [...] House Adopts[.] 5/13/2015 H 2858 – 2859 Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed - AYES: 92 NOES: 66 PRESENT: 0.” [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/26/16](#)]



5/27/2015[.] H 2958[.] Delivered to Governor[.] 6/04/2015[.] Vetoed by Governor (G) [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/26/16](#)]

### **Despite The Gubernatorial Veto, AFP Attempted To Prove That Right-To-Work Legislation Would Be A Boon To Missouri Workers**

**AFP-Missouri Deputy State Director Rachel Payton: “Adjusted For Cost Of Living, Workers In Right-To-Work States Make 4 Percent More Than Their Counterparts In Non-Right-To-Work States.”** According to an opinion by AFP-Missouri deputy state director Rachel Payton for the Neosho Daily News, “Adjusted for cost of living, workers in right-to-work states make 4 percent more than their counterparts in non-right-to-work states. We only need to look at the prices in New York City and Chicago compared to Joplin and Springfield to see that Missourians enjoy an affordable cost of living.” [Rachel Payton - Neosho Daily News, [8/12/15](#)]

**Payton: “Wages Also Grow Faster In Right-To-Work States.”** According to an opinion by AFP-Missouri deputy state director Rachel Payton for the Neosho Daily News, “Wages also grow faster in right-to-work states. From 2003 to 2013, private-sector employment compensation grew almost twice as fast in right-to-work states (16 percent compared to 8.7 percent growth in non-right-to-work states).” [Rachel Payton - Neosho Daily News, [8/12/15](#)]

**AFP-Missouri Deputy State Director Rachel Payton: AFP’s Support For A Right-To-Work Law Is Not An Anti-Union Effort.** According to the Jefferson City News Tribune, “Payton said AFP’s support for a right-to-work law is not an anti-union effort, ‘because it doesn’t do anything to ban unions and doesn’t do anything to keep people from joining unions, if they so choose. It just gives people the actual choice to join a union, instead of being compelled to join a union.’” [Jefferson City News Tribune, [8/26/15](#)]

**Payton: “Right-To-Work In No Way Impacts Union Collective Bargaining Rights,” It Strengthens Unions By Making “Unions More Accountable To Their Membership.”** According to an opinion by AFP-Missouri deputy state director Rachel Payton for the Neosho Daily News, “Nobody is forcing them to leave labor unions, whose membership has plummeted to less than 7 percent in the private sector. Simply put, the claims of those hoping to protect the status quo simply don’t stand up to economic reality. Right to work in no way impacts union collective bargaining rights. As enumerated above, it does not mean smaller paychecks. It also does not mean weaker unions. In fact, in many states (such as Indiana and Oklahoma), union membership grew substantially after right to work went into effect because right to work makes unions more accountable to their membership.” [Rachel Payton - Neosho Daily News, [8/12/15](#)]

### **AFP Ran A Massive Multimedia And Field Effort Advocating For An Legislative Override To Advance Right-To-Work Legislation**

**AFP-Missouri Released A \$200,000 TV Ad Campaign To Persuade State Legislators To Override Gov. Jay Nixon’s Veto To Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to St. Louis Public Radio, “Supporters of a Missouri right-to-work bill are launching the first of what they say will be a series of ad campaigns in the coming months in a bid to persuade state legislators to override Gov. Jay Nixon’s veto. The state arm of Americans for Prosperity, a conservative group with ties to the Koch brothers, began Wednesday running a statewide cable TV ad campaign. State director Patrick Werner said about \$200,000 will be spent on the ads, which are to run until July 4.” [Stlpublicradio.org, [6/24/15](#)]

- **AFP-Missouri’s Ad Asked Viewers To Call An 800 Number To Tell Their Lawmakers To Back The Right-To-Work Law.** According to The Kansas City Star’s The Buzz blog, “Americans for Prosperity Missouri has put its muscle behind an ad campaign in support of a right-to-work law in the state. The spot’s tagline: ‘Right to Work is right for Missouri.’ The ad calls for viewers to call an 800 number to tell their lawmakers to back the anti-union legislation.” [Kansas City Star, [6/24/15](#)]

**AFP-MO Knocked “On More Than 100,000 Doors” And Made “More Than 300,000 Phone Calls” For Its Right-To-Work Effort.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Today Gov. Nixon stood between Missourians and freedom as the Missouri State Legislature failed to override his veto of HB116, right-to-work legislation. In May, the Legislature voted to pass this worker freedom law, but Governor Nixon vetoed the legislation while profiting from special interests. Americans for Prosperity Missouri has conducted an accountability campaign encouraging legislators to override the Governor’s veto,

mobilizing its grassroots volunteers to knock on more than 100,000 doors and make more than 300,000 phone calls.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [9/16/15](#)]

### **The Missouri House Failed To Override The Governor’s Veto**

#### **The Missouri House Failed To Override Governor Nixon’s Veto Of Right-To-Work Legislation In September 2015.**

According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 116[.] Prohibits an employer from requiring a person to become a member of a labor organization as a condition or continuation of employment[.] 98th General Assembly , 1st Regular Session Activity History for HB 116 [...] 9/16/2015[.] H 19 – 20[.] Failed to Pass over Veto (H) - AYES: 96 NOES: 63 PRESENT: 1.” [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/26/16](#)]

**Since The House Failed To Override The Veto The Senate Was Never Able To Debate The Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to The Kansas City Star, “Republicans fell short Wednesday in their high-profile push to make Missouri the nation’s 26th ‘right-to-work’ state, failing to override Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon’s veto of legislation despised by labor unions. [...] In the battle over the ‘right to work’ bill, which received national attention, the Republican-dominated Missouri House voted 96-63 to override the veto of legislation that would have made it a misdemeanor for anyone to be required to become a union member or pay fees to a labor organization as a condition of employment. That was 13 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for an override, with 20 Republicans joining with nearly every Democrat to oppose the measure. Because the House failed to override the veto, the Senate never got the chance to debate it.” [The Kansas City Star, [9/16/15](#)]

### **AFP Vowed To Continue Their Fight For Right-To-Work For Less**

**AFP-MO: “Gov. Nixon Stood Between Missourians And Freedom As The Missouri State Legislature Failed To Override His Veto Of HB116, Right-To-Work Legislation.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Today Gov. Nixon stood between Missourians and freedom as the Missouri State Legislature failed to override his veto of HB116, right-to-work legislation. In May, the Legislature voted to pass this worker freedom law, but Governor Nixon vetoed the legislation while profiting from special interests. Americans for Prosperity Missouri has conducted an accountability campaign encouraging legislators to override the Governor’s veto, mobilizing its grassroots volunteers to knock on more than 100,000 doors and make more than 300,000 phone calls.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [9/16/15](#)]

**AFP’s President Tim Phillips Vowed That The Organization Would Make Right-To-Work Happen In Missouri And Said That They Just Needed “A Better Governor” To Make It Happen.** According to a Facebook comment by Americans for Prosperity president Tim Phillips, “We will get it in Missouri - just need better governor.” Phillips’ comment was in response to a post he made about “Right to Work” in West Virginia. [Tim Phillips – Facebook, [2/4/16](#)]

- **Hilgemann: “This Is Just The First Wave Of A Long-Term Effort To Expand Worker Freedom In Missouri... We’re Not Going Anywhere, We’re Invested In Getting This Done For The People Of Missouri.”** According to the Associated Press, “‘This is just the first wave of a long-term effort to expand worker freedom in Missouri,’ Hilgemann said in a statement about the advertising push. ‘Right-to-work will eventually happen for the Show Me State, and we’re committed to letting the public know how their lawmakers have come down on this issue. We’re not going anywhere, we’re invested in getting this done for the people of Missouri.’” [Associated Press, [9/29/16](#)]

*AFP-MO Launched A Six Figure Multimedia Effort To Voice Their Discontent*

**AFP-MO: “Following The Legislature’s Failure To Override Governor Jay Nixon’s Right-To-Work Veto,” AFP-MO Launched A \$100,000 “Wall-To-Wall Multimedia Effort... To Back A Massive Grassroots Field Effort.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “The Missouri chapter of Americans for Prosperity has launched a wall-to-wall multimedia effort following the legislature’s failure to override Governor Jay Nixon’s right-to-work veto. The group said it was spending about \$100,000 on direct mail, television ads, a digital presence and print ads in order to back a massive grassroots field effort. Over the summer, that effort saw volunteers knock more than 100,000 doors and make more than 300,000 phone calls on behalf of right-to-work legislation.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [9/30/15](#)]

- **In September Of 2015, AFP Announced A New TV, Radio, Print, Digital And Mail Campaign “Calling On Rep. Conway To Support Right-To-Work.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Beginning on Monday, September 28, 2015 Missourians who live in the St. Louis area can expect to see new TV ads calling on Rep. Conway to support Right-to-Work. The spot points out the fact that Representative Conway did not represent her district and instead voted for special interests by protecting union bosses. The TV ad buy will be supported with radio, print and digital advertising, as well as mailers sent to her constituents.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [9/25/15](#)]
- **In Addition To A TV Ad, AFP Targeted Rep. Kathy Conway With “Mailings With Photos Of Democratic President Barack Obama And A Man Lighting A Cigar With A Caption That Says Conway ‘Voted To Defend Special Interests.’”** According to the Associated Press, “After falling short of the legislative votes needed to enact a right-to-work law, supporters of the measure are launching an advertising campaign in hopes of pressuring Republican lawmakers who oppose it to switch sides and help Missouri become the 26th state to bar mandatory union fees. A television ad by the conservative group Americans for Prosperity was to hit cable systems in Rep. Kathie Conway's St. Charles-area district on Tuesday. The ad urges voters to call the lawmaker - who was one of 20 Republicans who recently helped defeat the bill - and tell her ‘to stand with Missouri workers, not Barack Obama's liberal agenda.’ Voters in Conway's district also will be getting mailings with photos of Democratic President Barack Obama and a man lighting a cigar with a caption that says Conway ‘voted to defend special interests.’” [Associated Press, [9/30/15](#)]

**Rep. Shane Roden Said AFP’s Efforts Amounted To “Bullying.”** According to the Associated Press, “Roden added that others have approached him saying they've been offered financial help if they run against him in a future GOP primary for his seat. He called efforts against him ‘bullying.’ Other lawmakers set to be targeted by the Americans for Prosperity ads either declined to comment or didn't immediately return requests for comment Tuesday.” [Associated Press, [9/29/15](#)]

- **Rep. Roden Said He'd Lose His Integrity If He Switched Sides After Telling Voters That He Would Oppose Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to the Associated Press, “Rep. Shane Roden said he'd lose his integrity if he switched sides after telling voters that he would oppose right-to-work legislation. ‘They're wasting their time and money,’ the Cedar Hill Republican said of Americans for Prosperity.” [Associated Press, [9/29/15](#)]

### **AFP’s Efforts Were Aided By Several Koch-Backed Groups**

*Freedom Partners Joined A Coalition Of Organizations To Push For Right-To-Work Legislation In Missouri*

**Freedom Partners Backed A Joint Letter Calling For Right-To-Work Legislation In Missouri.** According to a joint letter to the Missouri Legislature, “The undersigned coalition of public policy research and grassroots advocacy organizations strongly supports Right to Work. Right to Work would mean freedom for workers, accountability for unions, and an enormous boost for the Missouri economy. [...] Marc Short, President; Freedom Partners.” [55 Orgs To Missouri Legislature, [7/29/15](#)]

**Freedom Partners Directed \$1 Million To The National Right-To-Work Committee.** According to an opinion by Carl Deal and Tia Lessin in the Daily Beast, “This calculus may be why in 2012, Freedom Partners—a group that Politico dubbed the Koch’s private bank—directed \$1 million to the National Right to Work Committee (NWRC) [sic]. And why Republican legislators and governors, buoyed by Walker’s success in kneecapping public sector unions, are intent on eliminating all unions, public and private sector alike. Backed by big money like AFP and other groups in the Koch political funding network, and relying on pre-fab ‘right to work’ legislation authored by the NRWC and the Koch-funded American Legislative Exchange Council, they have introduced or will soon introduce union-busting legislation in key battleground states: Ohio, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Missouri, and Pennsylvania, as well as Wisconsin.” [Carl Deal & Tia Lessin – The Daily Beast, [12/22/14](#)]

*The LIBRE Initiative Also Joined A Coalition Of Organizations To Push For Right-To-Work Legislation In Missouri*

**The LIBRE Initiative Backed A Joint Letter Calling For Right-To-Work In Missouri.** According to a joint letter to the Missouri Legislature, “The undersigned coalition of public policy research and grassroots advocacy organizations strongly supports Right to Work. Right to Work would mean freedom for workers, accountability for unions, and an enormous boost for the Missouri economy. [...] Daniel Garza, Executive Director; The LIBRE Initiative.” [55 Orgs To Missouri Legislature, [7/29/15](#)]

*ALEC Pushed For Right-To-Work In Missouri And Legislators Proposed Their Model Legislation*

**Center For Media And Democracy: ALEC’s Right-To-Work Bills Were Proposed In Missouri.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, “ALEC right-to-work bills were proposed in New Hampshire, Missouri, New Mexico, and West Virginia, while Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner (R) simply issued an executive order to establish right-to-work for public sector workers and filed a lawsuit seeking to have ‘fare share’ fees declared unconstitutional.” [Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, [6/7/15](#)]

**Center For Media And Democracy: Missouri Had “Two Identical RTW Bills...That Borrow Language From ALEC, Sponsored By Two ALEC Legislators.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, “Missouri has two identical RTW bills (H.B. 116 and H.B. 569) that borrow language from ALEC, sponsored by two ALEC legislators (Rep. Eric Burlison and Rep. Bill Lant respectively.) H.B. 116 bill passed the Missouri House on February 12, the first time a RTW bill has ever been approved in a chamber of the state’s legislature. Despite an overwhelming Republican House majority, 23 Republicans voted against the bill. The legislation now moves on to the State Senate, where Republicans hold a 25-9 majority.” [Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, [3/11/15](#)]

**PR Watch: “There Was An ‘Informational’ Hearing In The Senate...By ALEC Legislator Senator Dan Brown, With Key Portions Taken Verbatim From ALEC.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, “Last night there was an ‘informational’ hearing in the Senate on S.B 127 by ALEC legislator Senator Dan Brown, with key portions taken verbatim from ALEC. (See the side-by-side here.) If the bill also passes the Senate, Governor Jay Nixon has vowed to veto it. On the evidence thus far, and despite a promise from Grover Norquist, Republicans do not have the votes to overturn a veto.” [Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, [3/11/15](#)]

**ALEC Backed A Joint Letter Calling For Right-To-Work In Missouri.** According to a joint letter to the Missouri Legislature, “The undersigned coalition of public policy research and grassroots advocacy organizations strongly supports Right to Work. Right to Work would mean freedom for workers, accountability for unions, and an enormous boost for the Missouri economy. [...] Lisa B. Nelson, CEO; American Legislative Exchange Council.” [55 Orgs To Missouri Legislature, [7/29/15](#)]

**The Kochs Pushed Their National Agenda Without Regard For Hard Working Missourians**

**The Economic Policy Institute Reported In February 2011 That “Wages In Right-To-Work States” Were “3.2% Lower Or About \$1,500 Less Than Those In Non-RTW States.”** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “Wages in right-to-work states are 3.2% lower than those in non-RTW states, after controlling for a full complement of individual demographic and socioeconomic variables as well as state macroeconomic indicators. Using the average wage in non-RTW states as the base (\$22.11), the average full-time, full-year worker in an RTW state makes about \$1,500 less annually than a similar worker in a non-RTW state.” [Economic Policy Institute, [2/17/11](#)]

*Supporters Of Right-To-Work Championed The Measure By Projecting That It Could Cut Wages \$2 –\$3 Per Hour*

**Economic Policy Institute: The Goal Of Right-To-Work Is To Cut Wages And Benefits And A Missouri State Representative Even “Championed RTW By Projecting It Would Cut Wages By ‘2 To 3 Dollars An Hour’ As Part Of The Process Of Attracting More Companies To Hire Cheaper Labor.”** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “The goal of RTW—according to its supporters—is to cut wages and benefits in the hopes of encouraging out-of-state manufacturers to move in. If it didn’t lower wages, there would be no incentive for companies to move into the state. As the Indiana Chamber of Commerce explained, ‘Unionization increases labor costs... [and thus] makes a given location a less



attractive place to invest.’ RTW is supposed to solve this problem. Similarly, a Missouri state representative [Bill Lant] championed RTW by projecting it would cut wages by ‘2 to 3 dollars an hour’ as part of the process of attracting more companies to hire cheaper labor.” [Economic Policy Institute, [1/23/15](#)]

- **Missouri Republican Representative Bill Lant Brought Right-To-Work Legislation To The House Floor In The 2015 Legislative Session, Despite Admitting That The Legislation Would Cause Wages To Decrease by \$2-3 Per Hour.** According to Missouri Digital News, “Southwest Missouri Republican Representative Bill Lant says he will attempt to bring right-to-work legislation to the House floor in the 2015 legislative session. While Lant admits some people will see a decrease in their paycheck, the long-term gain makes the legislation worth it. [...] ‘In the states where right to work was passed recently, the hourly rates may have dropped 2 to 3 dollars an hour, but the amount of days per year that the workers actually got to put in on the job increased dramatically.’” [Missouri Digital News, [12/1/14](#)]
- **Missouri Rep. Bill Lant Sponsored HB 47 In 2015, A Failed Attempt At Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 47[.] Specifies that all individuals shall be guaranteed the freedom to work without being required to join or pay dues to any labor organization[.] Sponsor: Lant, Bill (159) [...] Last Action: 01/27/2015 - Referred: Workforce Standards and Development(H)[.] Next Hearing: Hearing not scheduled[.] [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [9/6/16](#)]
- **Missouri Rep. Bill Lant Was A Member Of ALEC’s Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development Task Force.** According to ALEC’s Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development memorandum, Missouri representative Bill Lant is a member of ALEC’s Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development Task Force. [ALEC, [6/29/11](#)]

*Right-To-Work Legislation Correlated To Lower Rates Of Health Insurance And Education Funding Per Pupil As Well As Higher Rates Of Poverty, Infant Mortality, And Workplace Deaths*

**AFL-CIO Greater St. Louis Labor Council President Pat White: Right-To-Work States Have “Lower Rates Of Health Insurance Coverage,” “Higher Poverty And Infant Mortality Rates,” And” There Is Strong Evidence That These Laws Hurt Public Education By Lowering Funding On A Per-Pupil Basis.”** According to an op-ed by AFL-CIO Greater St. Louis Labor Council president Pat White for St. Louis Today, “‘Right to work’ states have lower rates of health insurance coverage, and higher poverty and infant mortality rates. There is strong evidence that ‘right to work’ laws hurt public education by lowering funding on a per-pupil basis.” [Pat White - St. Louis Today, [6/30/15](#)]

**White: According To Data From The Bureau Of Labor Statistics The Rate Of Workplace Deaths Is 54.4 Percent Higher In States With Right-To-Work Laws.** According to an op-ed by AFL-CIO Greater St. Louis Labor Council president Pat White for St. Louis Today, “And ‘right to work’ laws are proven to be unsafe for working people — the rate of workplace deaths is 54.4 percent higher in states with these laws, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.” [Pat White - St. Louis Today, [6/30/15](#)]

## “PAYCHECK PROTECTION” DECEPTION

### AFP Backed So-Called “Paycheck Protection” Legislation Allowing Union Members To Opt Out Of Dues

**AFP-MO Supported A Paycheck Protection Measure To “Allow Union Members To ‘Opt-Out’ Of Forced Union Membership Dues.”** According to the AFP Missouri 2013 Legislative Agenda, “Paycheck Protection[.] AFP-MO supports the adoption of a measure that would allow union members to ‘opt-out’ of forced union membership dues.” [AFP Missouri 2013 Legislative Agenda, [2013](#)]

**AFP-MO Thanked Speaker Todd Richardson And Floor Leader Mike Cierpiot “For Leading The Charge Against Unfair Treatment For Unions” By Passing Rep. Holly Rehder’s “Paycheck Protection” Bill, Which They Called For The Senate To Pass.** According to the Missouri Times, “Today, the House passed paycheck protection legislation with a clear majority. Paycheck protection will help protect public employees from being used for private union purposes. Americans for Prosperity Missouri applauds Rep. Holly Rehder for sponsoring this legislation. In reaction to today’s movement on



paycheck protection, AFP Missouri Deputy State Director, Rachel Payton, released the following statement: “Today there is hope for bringing fairness back to Missouri. Our public workers will finally be given a yearly choice to decide whether or not to join a public sector union with a simple signature card or electronic opt-in. Instead of the current out of date system that requires Missouri public employees to opt-out of union membership. We would like to thank Speaker Todd Richardson and Floor Leader Mike Cierpiot for leading the charge against unfair treatment for unions. [...] Now it is up to the Senate to take a stand and pass paycheck protection in Missouri!” [Missouri Times, [2/18/16](#)]

**AFP-MO: Gov. Nixon’s Veto Of “Paycheck Protection” Legislation Showed “He No Longer Is Paying Attention To What Missourians Want...Our Efforts Will Continue With A True Grassroots Campaign.”** According to the Missouri Times, “Gov. Jay Nixon has vetoed HB 1891, sponsored by Rep. Holly Rehder, that would enable a paycheck protection program designed to prevent union dues from going anywhere an individual worker does not want that money to go by allowing them to stop unions from withholding money from a paycheck as dues. [...] The Americans for Prosperity of Missouri however, noted that the veto was out of touch. ‘Governor Nixon’s veto shows he no longer is paying attention to what Missourians want,’ said AFP Missouri Deputy State Director Rachel Payton. ‘Knowing that the legislation passed with a veto-proof majority, it is clear that the people have spoken. Missourians want paycheck protection and our organization will continue to make that clear to legislators. Missourians want more fairness in the workplace and this law would bring us one step closer. We have had activists across the state contact their legislators to show support of this legislation. Our efforts will continue with a true grassroots campaign.’” [Missouri Times, [3/18/16](#)]

- **AFP-MO Deputy Director Rachel Payton On The House Vote To Override Of Gov. Jay Nixon’s Veto Of “Paycheck Protection” Legislation: “Members Of The Missouri House Finally Listened To What Their Constituents Want.”** According to the Missouri Times, “Speaker Todd Richardson, R-Poplar Bluff, led the House to override Gov. Jay Nixon’s veto of HB 1891, also known as ‘paycheck protection.’ After a heated debate on the House floor, Richardson spoke last, calling for decorum and speaking in support of the override. But Democrats insisted that the fight’s not over yet, saying there would be a filibuster in the Senate. [...] ‘Members of the Missouri House finally listened to what their constituents want,’ said Rachel Payton, deputy state director of Americans for Prosperity Missouri. ‘AFP Missouri has been working on advancing worker freedoms over the last year, and our grassroots activists have made their voices heard. Americans for Prosperity Missouri is dedicated to leading the conversation on labor issues, and our activists will be encouraged to thank those who stood with worker freedom today.’” [Missouri Times, [5/4/16](#)]

**AFP Launched A Petition Calling For The Missouri General Assembly To Override Gov. Jay Nixon’s Veto Of “Paycheck Protection” Legislation.** According to a petition from Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “On March 3rd, the Missouri General Assembly sent HB 1891, paycheck protection legislation to Governor Jay Nixon with bi-partisan support. Governor Nixon continues to stand with special interests against hard working Missourians with his veto of this legislation. If the Missouri General Assembly overrides the Governor’s veto, public workers will be given the decision whether or not to join a public sector union with a simple signature card or electronic opt-in. Instead of the current out-of-date system that requires Missouri public employees to opt-out of union membership. The House has already voted to override the veto, we need you to contact your State Senator today and urge them to override Wrong Way Jay and bring Paycheck Protection to Missouri!” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [5/9/16](#)]

**AFP-Mo Deputy Director Rachel Payton Called On The State Senate To Override Gov. Nixon’s Veto Of The “Paycheck Protection” Legislation.** According to an opinion by AFP-Missouri deputy director Rachel Payton in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “That’s why lawmakers earlier this year overwhelmingly passed a bill that would require public employee unions to get annual authorization from members before garnishing dues from their paychecks. Additionally, the bill would require authorization for using a portion of those funds for political contributions. Despite the overwhelming support for the bill — 48 percent of Missourians support paycheck protection, while only 29 percent oppose it — Gov. Jay Nixon in March vetoed the legislation. [...] All in all, this legislation is a no-brainer. And lawmakers already showed that they support it when they passed the bill with an overwhelming majority. Now’s the time for the state Senate to finish the job and vote to override Gov. Jay Nixon’s veto. It’s the right thing to do for hardworking Missourians.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [5/12/16](#)]

## **The Show-Me Institute Endorsed Paycheck Protection Laws, Saying Unions Should “Have To Compete For Their Political Dollars And Donations Like Any Other Interest Group”**

**The Show-Me Institute Claimed “Paycheck Protection Safeguards Government Employees’ Right To Choose Whether Their Money Goes To Union Political Activity,” A Right That Is Now “Sometimes Ignored.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Paycheck protection safeguards government employees’ right to choose whether their money goes to union political activity. The freedom to support only the political speech you agree with is a fundamental right protected by the first amendment. For Missouri’s government workers, this right is sometimes ignored.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/13/16](#)]

- **The Show-Me Institute Lauded Paycheck Protection Efforts For Allowing Those “Public Employees In Unions To, By Default, Keep More Of Their Money” Rather Than It Automatically Going Towards Political Efforts.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Paycheck protection would allow public employees in unions to, by default, keep more of their money rather than have it automatically siphoned off for a union’s political activities. It’s a common sense approach to a thorny free speech problem, which I’ve testified about before. If it goes to voters, you’ll hear much more about this topic from me in the weeks ahead, but the Senate will have to vote on it first.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/12/16](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: Paycheck Protection Reforms Are So Important Because Unions Should “Have To Compete For Their Political Dollars And Donations Like Any Other Interest Group.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Shouldn’t unions have to compete for their political dollars and donations like any other interest group? I think so. That’s why ‘paycheck protection’ reforms are so important: they allow employees to opt in to paying for a union’s politics, rather than forcing them to opt out. The presumption, in other words, is that the employee’s political dollars are first and foremost the employee’s, not the union’s. That modest reform would re-balance the power of dues collection in favor of public employees rather than defaulting in favor of public unions.” [Show-Me Institute, [2/26/14](#)]

## **Paycheck Protection: A Campaign Of Deception**

**Economic Policy Institute: Paycheck Protection Bills Are Part Of A National Effort To Restrict The Role Of Unions In Politics Under The Guise Of Creating New Rights For Workers.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “These bills—dubbed ‘paycheck protection’ by their supporters—are part of a national effort to restrict the role of unions in politics. Proponents of Missouri’s Senate Bill 29 and House Bill 64 claim that these bills will save taxpayers money, will remove the government from the role of collecting money used for political purposes, and will increase workers’ control over how their wages are spent. [...] On close examination, it is clear that these bills will not create new rights for Missouri employees, and will significantly tilt the political playing field by enabling unlimited corporate political spending while restricting political spending of organized workers.” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/24/13](#)]

- **AFL-CIO: Missouri “Paycheck Deception” Bills, S.B. 29 And H.B. 64 Were “Not Designed To Enhance Individual Rights But Instead Make It Harder For Employees To Authorize Payroll Deductions For Union Use” And, “To Foster Conflicts Between Workers And Unions.”** According to AFL-CIO, “Both federal and state laws already protect the political rights of private- and public-sector employees who join or are represented by unions. Paycheck deception supporters say their new bills are necessary to stop workers from being forced to pay to support a political cause they oppose, but current law already does that. S.B. 29 and H.B. 64, the bills in question, are not designed to enhance individual rights but instead make it harder for employees to authorize payroll deductions for union use—even if the uses are not political. And, the bills are designed to foster conflicts between workers and unions.” [AFL-CIO, [4/24/13](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: Despite Claims To The Contrary, Workers Already Have The Right To Determine Whether Or Not They Want To Use Their Dues For Politics.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “In voicing its support for HB64, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce claims that, under current law, ‘employees who pay union dues have no say whether campaign contributions are taken out of their dues, or where those contributions are directed’ (Missouri Chamber of Commerce 2013). This is false: All union members have a voice in how dues contributions are used, and any employee who doesn’t want his or her dues used for politics is free to either withhold that portion of dues (in the private sector) or withhold the entire dues payment (in the public sector.” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/24/13](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: Paycheck Protection Efforts Function “To Impede The Political Voice Of Organized Workers While Allowing Free Reign To Business Corporations.”** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “‘Paycheck protection’—both in Missouri and elsewhere—appears to function primarily as a political strategy that serves to impede the political voice of organized workers while allowing free reign to business corporations.” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/24/13](#)]

## **ALEC’S MISSOURI LEGISLATORS FOUGHT AGAINST PAYING WORKERS A FAIR PREVAILING WAGE**

### **Four ALEC Sponsored Prevailing Wage Repeal Bills Were Introduced In Missouri In 2015**

**ALEC Legislators Introduced Four Different Prevailing Wage Bills In Missouri In 2015.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Four different prevailing wage repeal bills are in play in Missouri, all with ALEC sponsors: Reps. Tony Dugger [*sic*], Bill White and Bill Lant and Sen. Dan Brown. Bills to exempt school construction and certain housing construction projects have passed through committee and moved on to the full House.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [3/24/15](#)]

*ALEC Public Safety And Elections Task Force Member Tony Dugger’s HB 257 Proposed Exempting School Construction And Maintenance From The Prevailing Wage*

**Missouri Rep. Tony Dugger Sponsored Failed HB 257 In 2015 Which Proposed Exempting Construction And Maintenance Work For Certain School Districts From The Prevailing Wage.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 257[.] Establishes the School Construction Act which exempts construction and maintenance work done for certain school districts from the prevailing wage requirement upon the school board’s approval[.] Sponsor: Dugger, Tony (141) [...] Last Action: 03/12/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H)[.] [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [9/1/16](#)]

**Representative Tony Dugger Was A Member Of ALEC’s Public Safety And Elections Task Force.** According to the Missouri Times, “Representative Tony Dugger, who has been a member of ALEC’s Public Safety and Elections Task Force, filed two bills (HB 30 and HJR1) to restrict voting rights for tens of thousands of eligible Missouri voters by imposing new government-issued photo identification rules.” [Missouri Times, [12/2/14](#)]

*ALEC Health And Human Services Task Force Member Rep. Bill White’s HB 285 Proposed Exempting The Missouri Housing Development Commission From Requiring A Prevailing Wage For Projects In Disaster Areas*

**Missouri Rep. Bill White Sponsored Failed HB 285 In 2015 Which Proposed Prohibiting The Missouri Housing Development Commission From Requiring A Prevailing Hourly Wage To Be Paid To A Contractor On A Project For A Housing Tax Credit If It Is In A Governor-Declared Disaster Area.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 285[.] Prohibits the Missouri Housing Development Commission from requiring a prevailing hourly wage to be paid to a contractor on a project for a housing tax credit if it is in a Governor-declared disaster area[.] Sponsor: White, Bill (161) [...] Last Action: 03/12/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H)[.] [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [9/1/16](#)]

**Missouri Rep. Bill White Was A Member Of ALEC’s Health And Human Services Task Force.** According to ALEC’s Health and Human Services Task Force memorandum, Missouri representative William White is a member of ALEC’s Health and Human Services Task Force. [ALEC, [6/30/11](#)]

*ALEC Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development Task Force Member Rep. Bill Lant’s HB 69 Proposed Exempting Public Bodies From Paying The Prevailing Wage For Projects Costing Less Than \$750,000*

**Missouri Rep. Bill Lant Sponsored Failed HB 69 In 2015 Which Proposed Allowing Public Bodies To Opt Out Of Prevailing Wage Laws For Construction Projects Costing \$750,000 Or Less.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB 69[.] Allows public bodies to opt out of prevailing wage laws for the construction of public works projects that are \$750,000 or less[.] Sponsor: Lant, Bill (159) [...] Last Action: 01/20/2015 - Referred: Workforce Standards and Development(H)[.] [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [9/1/16](#)]

**Missouri Rep. Bill Lant Was A Member Of ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development Task Force.** According to ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development memorandum, Missouri representative Bill Lant is a member of ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, & Economic Development Task Force. [ALEC, [6/29/11](#)]

*ALEC Member Sen. Dan Brown's SB 128 Proposed Repealing Prevailing Wage Laws*

**Missouri Sen. Dan Brown Sponsored Failed SB 128 Which Proposed Repealing Prevailing Wage Laws And Submitting The Repeal To Voters In A Referendum.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, "SB 128[.] Modifies prevailing wage laws and provisions relating to project labor agreements[...]" SB 128 - This act repeals the law pertaining to the prevailing wage. The act also contains a referendum clause submitting the repeal to voters for approval. Sponsor: Brown [...] Last Action: 1/22/2015 - Second Read and Referred S Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee[...] Calendar Position: None. [Missouri Senate, accessed [9/1/16](#)]

**Missouri Sen. Dan Brown Was A Member Of ALEC.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, "Last night there was an 'informational' hearing in the Senate on S.B 127 by ALEC legislator Senator Dan Brown, with key portions taken verbatim from ALEC." [Center for Media and Democracy, [3/11/15](#)]

### **Missouri's Prevailing Wage Laws Provided Significant Economic And Safety Benefits For Workers**

**University Of Missouri Kansas City Department Of Economics Prevailing Wage Study: Missouri's Prevailing Wage Contributed "Between \$300.3 Million And \$452.4 Million Annually To Missouri Workers' Income."** According to the University of Missouri Kansas City Department of Economics Prevailing Wage Study, "Missouri families benefit from receiving competitive and sustainable wages, health care benefits, and pension benefits. Prevailing wage contributes between \$300.3 million and \$452.4 million annually to Missouri workers' income." [University of Missouri Kansas City Department of Economics, [December 2011](#)]

**UMKC Department Of Economics: Missouri's Prevailing Wage Employment Resulted "In Up To \$27.1 Million In Additional Income Tax And \$8.7 Million In Local Sales Tax Collections."** According to the University of Missouri Kansas City Department of Economics Prevailing Wage Study, "Missouri's economy benefits from the income and sales tax revenues generated by Missouri prevailing wage workers. Prevailing wage employment results in up to \$27.1 million in additional income tax and \$8.7 million in local sales tax collections." [University of Missouri Kansas City Department of Economics, [December 2011](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: "Construction-Related Fatality Rates Were 25% Lower Among Workers In States With Prevailing Wage Laws."** According to the Economic Policy Institute, "Researchers have also examined occupational injuries and prevailing wage legislation. One study showed that construction-related fatality rates were 25% lower among workers in states with prevailing wage laws. Fatality rates were even lower in states where prevailing wages were strongly enforced (Phillips 2006)." [Economic Policy Institute, [7/3/08](#)]

- UMKC Department Of Economics' Prevailing Wage Study: Missouri Had One Of The Lowest Incident Rates Of Non-Fatal Injuries And Illnesses.** According to the University of Missouri Kansas City Department of Economics Prevailing Wage Study, "The average number of injuries per worker in construction in the prevailing wage states in the North Central Region that report is 4.86 per 100 workers, while the number of injuries in non-prevailing wage states that report is 5.32 per 100 workers (Table V.3). For the State of Missouri, the total cases of injuries and illness reported in 2010 was 4.2 per 100 workers; for the two non- prevailing wage states reporting, the total number of cases of injuries and illnesses reported in 2001 is 5.32 per 100 workers. Missouri, a prevailing wage state with a strong commitment to job training and apprenticeship programs in the region, has one of the lowest incident rates of non-fatal injuries and illnesses; it was 4.2 per 100 workers in 2010. This reinforces the argument that increased training leads to fewer injuries in the workplace and decreases costs for workers, employers and taxpayers." [University of Missouri Kansas City Department of Economics, [December 2011](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: Workers In Prevailing Wage States Had Higher Productivity With 13% To 15% More Value Added From Their Work Per Worker.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, "Phillips (2006) found that states



with prevailing wage laws had higher productivity, with about 13% to 15% more value-added per worker.” [Economic Policy Institute, [7/3/08](#)]

## **THE KOCH NETWORK WORKED TO UNDERMINE TEACHERS’ COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS**

### **Show-Me Institute Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of The Plaintiffs In Friedrichs V. California Teachers Association**

**The Show-Me Institute Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of The Plaintiffs In Friedrichs V. California Teachers Association.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Historically, the Show-Me Institute has rarely joined lawsuits or amicus briefs in Supreme Court cases. But this week, along with several other state public-policy research and educational organizations, the Institute filed an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association. When you hear the story of Rebecca Friedrichs, you will know why.” [Show-Me Institute, [9/11/15](#)]

- **Show-Me Institute: “What Is At Issue In This Case Is Very Simple: The Right Of Free Association...Ms. Friedrichs And Thousands Of Public Servants Like Her Do Not Want To Be Forced To Support A Union That Does Not Represent Their Interests Or Values.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Ultimately, what is at issue in this case is very simple: the right of free association, a right protected by the First Amendment. Ms. Friedrichs and thousands of public servants like her do not want to be forced to support a union that does not represent their interests or values.” [Show-Me Institute, [9/11/15](#)]
- **Show-Me Institute: “A Victory In The Friedrichs Case Would Strike A Blow For Individual Freedom...This Kind Of Fight Is Worth Fighting.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “A victory in the Friedrichs case would strike a blow for individual freedom; it would recognize the millions of teachers and other government workers across the country not simply as interchangeable widgets who all think the same way, but as individuals with independent ideas and preferences. This kind of fight is worth fighting. We’re happy to join it.” [Show-Me Institute, [9/11/15](#)]
- **Show-Me Institute: “We Are Proud To Add Our Voice To Those Siding With Ms. Friedrichs” Because “A Victory In The Supreme Court Will Let Public-Sector Unions Know That The Employees They Serve Are Not Merely A Source Of Revenue.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “At the Show-Me Institute we are proud to add our voice to those siding with Ms. Friedrichs and the other plaintiffs in this case. A victory in the Supreme Court will let public-sector unions know that the employees they serve are not merely a source of revenue, but are instead individuals who will decide for themselves whether or not the unions’ activities deserve their support.” [Show-Me Institute Newsletter, [October 2015](#)]

### **The Show-Me Institute Claimed That Teachers Unions’ Collective Bargaining Agreements Were Political**

**The Show-Me Institute Backed Up Their Support For Friedrichs By Claiming That The Union’s Distinction Between Union Dues And Agency Fees Was “Dubious” Since Public Sector Unions Negotiate With The Government “Any Agreement Or Contract That The Government Enters Into Is Political.”** According to the Show-Me Institute Newsletter, “The union defends itself by making much of a dubious distinction between union dues and agency fees. Under current law, teachers may opt out of full union membership. Teachers who opt out do not pay full union dues, but still pay a somewhat smaller amount as agency fees. According to the CTA, paying the smaller amount allows these teachers to keep the money that the union would spend on political activity on their behalf, and pay only their fair share of the expenses associated with collective bargaining and other allegedly less-political activities. But this highlights a critical difference between private-sector unions and their counterparts in the public sector. Unlike private-sector unions, publicsector unions negotiate with the government—and any agreement or contract that the government enters into is political.” [Show-Me Institute Newsletter, [October 2015](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: Divisive And Consequential Political Issues Including Teacher Compensation, Tenure, And School Choice Have Been “At The Heart Of Collective Bargaining.”** According to the Show-Me Institute Newsletter, “Unlike private-sector unions, publicsector unions negotiate with the government—and any agreement or contract



that the government enter into is political. Teacher compensation, for example, is at the heart of collective bargaining, and the political implications of our current system of compensating teachers are painfully obvious. States across the country are already struggling with a precipitous rise in the costs of defined-benefit pension plans provided to many teachers and other public employees, and anyone who thinks the response to this looming crisis won't affect other areas of public policy simply doesn't understand the scale of the problem. Every state should be having a healthy and vigorous debate about the future of defined-benefit retirement plans for public employees, and this is only one of numerous controversial topics that come up during collective bargaining; teacher tenure, school choice, and merit pay come to mind as just a few other examples." [Show-Me Institute Newsletter, [October 2015](#)]

- **The Show-Me Institute: For The California Teachers Association To Claim That “Rebecca Friedrichs Should Be Forced To Pay” For Union Positions She Opposes Is “A Violation Of Her First Amendment Rights, Just As It Would Be If She Were Forced To Give Financial Support To A Church Or Political Party.”** According to the Show-Me Institute Newsletter, “For the CTA to claim that Rebecca Friedrichs should be forced to pay for the privilege of having it speak for her on any of these issues, even when she opposes the positions taken by the union, is beyond arrogance. It is a violation of her First Amendment rights, just as it would be if she were forced to give financial support to a church or political party.” [Show-Me Institute Newsletter, [October 2015](#)]

### **The Show-Me Institute Claimed That Collective Bargaining Was Not A Long Established Right For Missouri Teachers**

**The Show-Me Institute: Collective Bargaining Through An Exclusive Representative Is Not A “Democratic Process That Results In Fair Representation For All Teachers.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “The MNEA’s pamphlet suggests that collective bargaining through an exclusive representative is a democratic process that results in fair representation for all teachers subject to the labor agreement. Ordinarily, once a government union obtains the privilege of acting as the exclusive representative for employees, it never has to run for re-election. There’s hardly anything democratic about a representative winning a lifetime appointment after a one-time election. Worse still, when one union wins the privilege to act as the exclusive representative for a group of government employees, other employee groups often lose out. We’ve seen this with both teachers and police.” [Show-Me Institute, [2/20/15](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: Teachers' Unions “May Now Collectively Bargain With The Government” But “This Is Not Some Long-Established Right,” “It Was Created By The Courts Only Eight Years Ago” And “The Law Is Still In Flux.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “The pamphlet fails to mention the history of teacher collective bargaining in Missouri. Instead, it simply alludes to a couple of Missouri Supreme Court cases in the late 2000s. In fact, the Missouri Supreme Court imposed collective bargaining on teachers in those cases. Prior to 2007, the courts had long held that the Missouri Constitution did not give government unions the right to collectively bargain with the government. Indeed, when collective bargaining language was added to the Missouri Constitution, collective bargaining with the government was seen as impossible and potentially unconstitutional. Teachers' unions, like the MNEA, may now collectively bargain with the government. However, this is not some long-established right. The court created teacher collective bargaining law only eight years ago. Whether you consider this an activist decision or the product of a living constitution, the law is still in flux.” [Show-Me Institute, [2/20/15](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: The Idea That One Union Must Act As The Exclusive Representative Of All The Teachers To Reach A Successful Labor Agreement Was Not A Constitutional Requirement And Missouri’s Multi-Party Labor Agreements “Proves That A Single Exclusive Representative Is Unnecessary.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “The MNEA’s pamphlet argues that the only way for teachers to successfully achieve an enforceable labor agreement is when one union acts as the exclusive representative of all the teachers subject to the labor agreement. This requirement is nowhere to be found in the constitution. It was not mentioned by the Missouri Supreme Court when it created collective bargaining rights for teachers in 2007. And the Missouri Supreme Court failed to mention the necessity of exclusive representation in any further decisions. Furthermore, there are school districts in Missouri, such as Hillsboro and Warren (see below), where the school district has a labor agreement with multiple teachers' unions. The fact that both the Missouri State Teachers Association and the MNEA already represent teachers in multiple multi-party labor agreements proves that a single exclusive representative is unnecessary.” [Show-Me Institute, [2/20/15](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: There Is No Reason For Teachers' Unions To "Assume That Principles Used In The Private Sector, Such As Exclusive Representation, Have A Necessary Place In Collective Bargaining With The Government."** According to the Show-Me Institute, "There is no reason for the MNEA to assume that principles used in the private sector, such as exclusive representation, have a necessary place in collective bargaining with the government." [Show-Me Institute, [2/20/15](#)]

**ALEC Called The Friedrichs Ruling A "Tremendous Disappointment" And Cited Missouri Legislation Prohibiting Public Sector Workers From Paying Union Dues As A Promising State-Level Response To The Supreme Court's Protection Of Collective Bargaining**

**ALEC: Though The Supreme Court Decision Was "A Tremendous Disappointment," It Underscored The Need To "Affirmatively Protect These Rights At The State Level" By Passing Right-To-Work Legislation And "Disallowing Public Sector Unions To Automatically Deduct Dues From The Paychecks Of Public Employees."** According to ALEC, "Although the Supreme Court decision is a tremendous disappointment, it underscores the need to affirmatively protect these rights at the state level. States can prevent public sector unions from compelling workers to fund their political positions. In these states, unions must actually convince members that joining the union is beneficial, forcing union leadership to be responsive to the desires of members, rather than being able to count on the financial support of every employee, whether or not that person agrees with union action. In addition to adopting a right-to-work law, states can also act to protect the free speech rights of public employees by disallowing public sector unions to automatically deduct dues from the paychecks of public employees, a solution that can even operate in non-right-to-work states." [ALEC, [4/4/16](#)]

- **ALEC Cited Missouri Legislation Prohibiting Public Sector Workers From Paying Union Dues Or Fees To A Labor Organization And Ending "Automatic Collection Of Union Dues For Public Employees' Paychecks" As A Promising Example Of State Legislative Action "To Guard The Free Speech And Association Rights Of Dissenting Teachers Like Rebecca Friedrichs."** According to ALEC, "The Missouri Legislature passed legislation earlier this year that prohibits any public sector worker to pay union dues or fees to a labor organization. It also ends the automatic collection of union dues for public employees' paychecks. The legislation does not prohibit unions or payments to unions by public sector workers—it simply requires that public employees opt-in to a system of automatic paycheck deductions for union dues. That legislation was promptly vetoed by Governor Jay Nixon and is now headed back to the legislature for a veto override attempt. A veto override vote is expected to take place within the next few weeks and will determine whether the free speech rights of public employees will be protected in Missouri. The 23 states that have not taken legislative action to guard the free speech and association rights of dissenting teachers like Rebecca Friedrichs should follow the example of states that already have." [ALEC, [4/4/16](#)]

**ALEC: The Supreme Court's 4-4 Decision In Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association Was "Disappointing."** According to ALEC, "Last Tuesday, the Supreme Court handed down a disappointing 4-4 decision in Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association, which with a fifth vote, would have secured the rights of teachers across the country not to be forced to support the teachers unions' political causes as a condition of employment. Rebecca Friedrichs, the main plaintiff in the case, and her lawyers were hoping that the court would overturn an earlier case allowing public sector unions to charge non-members fees for union collective bargaining on the theory that employment bargaining is non-political in nature. In reality, when union contracts cover subjects such as taxpayer expenditures, class size and teacher tenure, teachers who disagree with union positions on those indisputably political issues find themselves forced to fund their political opponents." [ALEC, [4/4/16](#)]

**ALEC Encouraged State Legislatures To Implement Specific Reforms To "Allow Non-Union Members To Stop Paying Dues To A Union They Do Not Want."** According to ALEC, "Public sector workers in over 20 states must continue paying union dues, like it or not, after the Supreme Court deadlocked in Friedrichs v California Teachers Association last month. But state legislatures can take action to help teachers, librarians, bus drivers, and a whole host of other state and local public employees. Lawmakers can implement specific reforms to increase worker choice or allow non-union members to stop paying dues to a union they do not want." [ALEC, [4/11/16](#)]

- **ALEC: Rebecca Friedrichs Lived In California, One Of 23 States Without Right-To-Work Legislation, Meaning Workers Have To Pay Agency Fees To Cover Collective Bargaining Costs.** According to ALEC, “Rebecca Friedrichs lives in California, one of at least 23 states that do not have laws on the books safeguarding public workers’ First Amendment rights through state law. In the nation’s 26 right-to-work states, public employees are able to opt out of paying dues to unions entirely. In non-right-to-work states, public employees can still decline to join the union, but they are usually still required to pay so-called ‘agency fees’ to cover collective bargaining costs—fees that may still fund political positions opposed by those forced to pay for them.” [ALEC, [4/4/16](#)]

### **Teachers’ Collective Bargaining Rights Were Protected By The Missouri Supreme Court**

**The Missouri Supreme Court Ruled In 2012 That Public Bodies Like School Boards And Cities Must Collectively Bargain With Their Employee Unions, And Do So In Good Faith.** According to St. Louis Public Radio, “The Missouri Supreme Court has ruled that not only must public bodies like school boards and cities collectively bargain with their employee unions, but that bargaining must be done in good faith. The Court issued two rulings Tuesday - one dealing with unionized teachers at a St. Louis charter school, and the other dealing with police officers in University City and Chesterfield who wanted to unionize.” [St. Louis Public Radio, [9/7/16](#)]

### **Collective Bargaining Has Benefitted Teachers And Students**

**Harvard Education Publishing Group: “Abridging Or Ending Collective Bargaining For Teachers Would Represent A Huge Setback For The Ongoing Effort To Improve Our Schools” Because It Would Remove Teachers From Participation In Policy Making.** According to the Harvard Education Publishing Group, “Abridging or ending collective bargaining for teachers would represent a huge setback for the ongoing effort to improve our schools. It would deprive teachers of the principal way that they now have to participate in education policy making, and it would deprive teacher unions of the opportunity to bring the collective wisdom of teachers to the bargaining table.” [Harvard Education Publishing Group, [May/June 2011](#)]

**Harvard Education Publishing Group: Collective Bargaining Protects Teachers From Potential Administrative Abuse And Political Patronage And Promotes Consensual Agreements Between Teachers And Schools, Creating A Healthier Learning Environment For Students.** According to the Harvard Education Publishing Group, “In addition to offering protection from potential administrative abuse and political patronage, collectively bargained agreements promote commitment and ownership, provide continuity, and ensure that the decisions affecting schools and teachers are consensual rather than unilateral. Since the biggest influence on students’ learning within our control is the teacher, the teacher’s conditions of work are central to improving learning. Given the teacher unions’ growing emphasis on instructional issues, the scope of collective bargaining should be expanded, not abridged.” [Harvard Education Publishing Group, [May/June 2011](#)]

**Harvard Education Publishing Group: While Critics Have Alleged That Unions Hinder Economic Performance, States That Prohibit Collective Bargaining Are At The Bottom In Student Performance And States With The Strongest Union Protections Have The Best Educational Outcomes.** According to the Harvard Education Publishing Group, “Critics have long alleged that teacher unions hinder student performance and educational progress. No empirical or credible research has ever been offered to substantiate these allegations. The only five states that do not permit collective bargaining for teachers are all near the very bottom in student performance as measured by ACT/SAT scores: South Carolina, 49; Georgia, 48; Texas, 47; North Carolina, 45; and Virginia, 44. Wisconsin, on the other hand, ranks second, and the two states that scored highest on Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) comparisons, Massachusetts and Minnesota, are also the most densely unionized. All this is hardly surprising, since school systems with collective bargaining agreements are more likely to have lower class sizes, more competitive teacher salaries, and better conditions for teaching and learning.” [Harvard Education Publishing Group, [May/June 2011](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: Workers Covered By Collective Bargaining Earn 13.6% Higher Wages.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “The union wage premium—the percentage-higher wage earned by those covered by a collective bargaining contract, adjusted for workers’ education, age, and other characteristics—is 13.6 percent over-all.” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/14/15](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: Collective Bargaining Has Lessened Wage Gaps Based On Race Or Ethnicity.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “Collective bargaining also raises wages and benefits more for black, Asian, Hispanic, and immigrant workers, thereby lessening race/ethnic wage gaps.” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/14/15](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: “The States Where Collective Bargaining Eroded The Most Since 1979 Had The Lowest Growth In Middle-Class Wages And The Largest Gap Between Rising Productivity Growth And Middle-Class Wage Growth.”** According to the Economic Policy Institute, “The states where collective bargaining eroded the most since 1979 had the lowest growth in middle-class wages and the largest gap between rising productivity growth and middle-class wage growth.” [Economic Policy Institute, [4/14/15](#)]

## THE SHOW-ME INSTITUTE WORKED TO END TEACHER TENURE

**Show-Me Institute: “There Is Much Room For Teacher Tenure Reform In Missouri.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Responses to our survey indicate there is much room for teacher tenure reform in Missouri.” [Show-Me Institute, [August 2013](#)]

- **Show-Me Institute: “We Must Remove State Restrictions That Make It Incredibly Difficult To Remove A Teacher After Their Fifth Year In The Classroom.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “First, we must remove state restrictions that make it incredibly difficult to remove a teacher after their fifth year in the classroom.” [Show-Me Institute, [4/23/13](#)]
- **The Show-Me Institute: “Doing Nothing To Change The Current Laws Does Not Promote Healthy, Locally Controlled Schools.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Recent legislative efforts to reform teacher tenure have been coupled with mandated teacher evaluations. Two separate pieces of legislation were voted down in the Missouri House of Representatives in 2013, with neither piece of legislation receiving much support among superintendents. One line of argument against these bills was that of local control. Representatives from both the Missouri State Teacher’s Association and the Missouri Retired Teachers Association made this case. The argument of local control was effective, but we must not make the mistake of thinking that the status quo is pro-local control. The fact of the matter is that our current tenure laws place many restrictions on local school leaders. Tus [*sic*], doing nothing to change the current laws does not promote healthy, locally controlled schools.” [Show-Me Institute, [August 2013](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: “Teacher Tenure Laws May Make It Harder To Fire Teachers, But In Missouri, They Have Been Interpreted To Also Prevent Districts From Incentivizing The Good Ones To Stay.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Teacher tenure laws may make it harder to fire teachers, but in Missouri, they have been interpreted to also prevent districts from incentivizing the good ones to stay. As it stands, school districts are discouraged from using basic forms of merit pay to try to prevent attrition of good teachers. Nor can they use merit pay to reward exceptional teachers for a job well done. All the more reason to say ‘it is time for teacher tenure reform.’” [Show-Me Institute, [10/28/13](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Said A Bill Making It Harder For Teachers To Gain Tenure, Extending The Threshold From Five To Ten Years, Would Be A Step In The Right Direction But Wanted To Go Further.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Missourinet reports today that a ‘watered-down’ teacher tenure reform bill is moving through the state Senate. The bill would make it more difficult for teachers to gain tenure. Under the new bill, it would take teachers 10 years to gain tenure, instead of the five years it takes under existing law. This may have a marginal positive impact, allowing school districts more time to weed out ineffective teachers before they gain tenure. But frankly, I am skeptical that this provision will do much. Many of the school districts we highlighted on this blog earlier this week that had terminated just one or no teachers since the year 2000 also reported low non-renewals of teachers who have not attained tenure status.” [Show-Me Institute, [4/6/12](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: “Teachers Do Not Need Protection” And They “Do Not Have A Right To Their Jobs.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Not surprisingly, teachers’ unions have criticized tenure reform. Missouri National Education Association President Chris Guinther told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that ‘we’ve got to be given the protection that we need to give those kids the quality education that they need.’ Teachers do not need protection. They need accountability. A bad teacher can teach bad classes for years. Year after year, students cycle through this teacher’s classroom, only to receive an inadequate education. Wouldn’t these students have a better education if teachers were held accountable?



Teachers do not have a right to their jobs. The Missouri Constitution gives students the right to a public education, and they should have good teachers.” [Show-Me Institute, [3/2/12](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: School Leaders Should Be Given More Authority To Determine Their Teacher Staffing Policies, Giving Them The Flexibility To Choose Between Multi-Year Contracts Or Retention Evaluations.**

According to the Show-Me Institute, “Rather than dictate contract terms from the statehouse, it may be wise to give local school leaders more authority to determine their teacher staffing policies. This would allow superintendents, in conjunction with their principals, teachers, and school boards, to develop policies that fit the unique needs of their school district. Some schools may wish to issue multi-year contracts. Others may decide to base retention on teacher evaluations. This alone may not fix the problem of feckless leadership that some of the superintendents alluded to in our survey results, but it is hard to imagine that giving school leaders greater autonomy would diminish their competency. It seems more likely that allowing school leaders to develop their own policies may inspire them because they will finally have the true power to lead.” [Show-Me Institute, [August 2013](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Supported Measures To Limit The Probation Period For Teachers Deemed Ineffective So They Could Be Fired More Quickly And Easily.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Bringing Saint Louis’ tenure laws in line with the rest of the state was a very ‘doable, accomplishable goal.’ As we have documented, the laws governing teacher tenure were much more restrictive in Saint Louis than they were in the rest of the state. In a presentation at the Show-Me Institute, Saint Louis Public Schools Superintendent Kelvin Adams said it took 100 days to remove a low-performing teacher. Throughout the rest of the state, administrators only have to provide teachers 30 days to improve. I am glad that the legislature was able to achieve this baby step in the right direction. As a result, ineffective teachers will be removed from Saint Louis classrooms more rapidly. Yet, in the grand scheme of things, this is a very modest improvement, especially when much more could have been accomplished.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/22/13](#)]

**Tenure Has Protected Teachers’ Due Process By Requiring That Dismissals Be For Cause**

**NPR: “Tenure For K-12 Teachers Does Not, In Theory, Shield Them From Dismissal... It's Simply A Guarantee Of Due Process — That If A Teacher Is Fired, It Will Be For Cause.”** According to NPR, “Unlike tenure for university professors, tenure for K-12 teachers does not, in theory, shield them from dismissal. Instead, it's simply a guarantee of due process — that if a teacher is fired, it will be for cause. The advent of tenure, which coincided roughly with World War I and the suffragist movement, was meant to protect teachers, who, in olden days, were often fired for reasons that had nothing to do with their work, including race.” [NPR, [4/29/10](#)]

**Without Tenure Protections, Excellent Teachers Who Did Nothing Wrong Could Be Dismissed With No Recourse.**

According to Education Law, “Reduction-in-force (RIF) is the term used when the basis for teacher dismissals deals with organizational factors and not with any personal fault on the part of individuals who may have property rights in their jobs. In the RIF process, for example, tenured teachers could be excellent and have done nothing wrong, but their employment contracts are terminated without cause due to such factors as declining enrollment or the discontinuation of programs. Depending on state law and board policy, tenured and nontenured teachers are placed on call-back lists, meaning, typically, that if their jobs become available again, they must be given the opportunity to be returned to their jobs before others can fill the vacant positions. When school boards elect not to renew the expiring contracts of teachers who have yet to achieve tenure, this is not a termination, because the employment relationship has run its course. Accordingly, these teachers have no right to procedural due process, unless it is conferred by state law or collective bargaining contracts.” [Education Law, accessed [9/9/16](#)]

**University Of Virginia: Tenure Can Guard Against “Dismissal Of More Experienced, Higher-Paid Teachers During Periods Of Tight Budgets” When School Leaders “May Be More Focused On Reducing Costs While Meeting Class-Size Requirements Than They Are On Student Learning.”** According to the University of Virginia’s Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy Batten Report, “Tenure could guard against dismissal of more experienced, higher-paid teachers during periods of tight budgets—those times when school leaders may be more focused on reducing costs while meeting class-size requirements than they are on student learning.” [University of Virginia, [Spring 2015](#)]

**University Of Virginia: “Tenure Does Not Require Schools Or Districts To Retain Ineffective Teachers But Instead Provides A Due-Process Mechanism To Dismiss Tenured Teachers For Cause.”** According to the University of Virginia’s Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy Batten Report, “Tenure does not require schools or districts to



retain ineffective teachers but instead provides a due-process mechanism to dismiss tenured teachers for cause.” [University of Virginia, [Spring 2015](#)]

## KOCH-BACKED EFFORTS TO PRIVATIZE PENSIONS

### Americans For Prosperity Urged Missouri Lawmakers To Pass Missouri Rep. Andrew Koenig’s Bill Which Called For Partially Privatizing State Pensions

**AFP–MO Deputy State Director Rachel Payton Urged Missouri Lawmakers To Pass Missouri Rep. Andrew Koenig’s Bill Which Called For Partially Privatizing State Pensions.** According to Americans for Prosperity, “The Missouri House Retirement Committee is currently discussing the approval of a ‘hybrid’ retirement system for state employees. Under this system, the state government would pay a bit less and new employees would contribute to their retirement benefits. The bill sponsored by Rep. Andrew Koenig would give employees more flexibility with their retirement plans and even allows the benefit to be passed along to children or to be given to charity. Koenig’s bill still would keep the 4 percent deduction and 3 percent to the state-operated plan, and let the employee control how the other 1 percent of the deduction is handled in ‘a personal account, which would be similar to a 401(k), or defined contribution.’ Rachel Payton, deputy state director for the 57,000-member Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, urged lawmakers to pass the bill.” [Americans for Prosperity, [3/21/14](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Headline: AFP–MO Calls For Pension Reform In News Tribune.** [Americans for Prosperity, [3/21/14](#)]

### The Show-Me Institute Advocated For Privatizing Public Pensions

*The Show-Me Institute Called For Pension Privatization Efforts Including Complete And Partial Closures Of Defined Benefit Programs*

**The Show-Me Institute Advocated Public Employee Pension Reforms Including Considering Closing Defined Benefit Pension Plans To Reduce Underfunded Liabilities.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Closing defined benefit plans reduces or prevents the accumulation of additional unfunded liabilities. There are many reasons elected officials may favor or oppose shifting public employees out of traditional defined benefit pensions into cash balance or defined contribution plans. But concerns over so-called ‘transition costs’ are largely mistaken and should not stand in the way of public employee pension reforms. [Show-Me Institute, [2/17/14](#)]

- **Show-Me Institute: It’s Time To Shift From A Defined Benefit Pension Plan To A “Hybrid System Which Used Both DB And Defined-Contribution (DC) Components.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “In 2010, a group of University of Missouri faculty and staff members from the four campuses were given a task: examine the University of Missouri’s retirement system and offer suggestions for improvement. Though it wasn’t unanimous, the committee ultimately proposed a shift from a defined-benefit (DB) pension plan to a hybrid system which used both DB and defined-contribution (DC) components. The system followed through on the proposal and launched a new hybrid plan in 2012. [...] Pension reform is not a crazy conspiracy to rob retirees, as some might have you believe. It is simply common sense planning. It is time for other DB pension systems in Missouri to follow the University of Missouri system’s lead.” [Show-Me Institute, [6/28/16](#)]

**Show-Me Institute: The Majority Of Missouri’s Teachers Had Not Benefitted From The Pension System, But Were “Instead Subsidizing The Benefits Of Others.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “The generous teacher retirement benefits for those who stay in the system for their full career are made possible by the contributions of those who leave the system early. According to Yoakum, “The retirement system is designed to provide a career employee in Missouri schools with roughly the same standard of living they had.” The key phrase there is “career employee.” Workers who leave early face a severe financial penalty. As McShane pointed out in the article (and as I’ve noted before on the Show-Me Institute blog), benefits from the teacher pension system do not exceed a teacher’s contributions until they have worked for 28 years. 28 years! As a report from the Urban Institute noted, 62% of Missouri teachers do not stay for that long. The majority of teachers are not benefiting from the pension system, but are instead subsidizing the benefits of others.” [Show-Me Institute, [11/18/15](#)]

**Show-Me Institute: Missouri’s Pension System “Clearly” Was Not Designed To Provide Fair Retirement Support For Every Teacher.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “We cannot accept the merits of defined-benefit pension systems simply because they provide a terrific benefit to a fraction of our teachers. Rather, we should consider whether the system is designed to provide fair retirement support for every teacher in Missouri. Clearly it is not.” [Show-Me Institute, [11/18/15](#)]

**Show-Me Institute: While Pension Supporters Claim That The System Helped Recruit Teachers To Missouri, “People, Especially Young People, Typically Don’t Pay Much Attention To Their Retirement Benefits.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Retirement Benefits are an Ineffective Way to Recruit Teachers[.] Yoakum contends that the pension system is helping recruit teachers to Missouri. This is a popular refrain among pension supporters. At first glance, the argument makes sense—better benefits attract more people. The problem is that people, especially young people, typically don’t pay much attention to their retirement benefits. This is illustrated by the quote from Steinhoff, “It is the best kept secret even within the profession because, for most teachers, it doesn’t come on their radar until they’re teaching for about 25 years.” I fail to see how a well-kept secret helps recruit teachers. As a National Bureau of Economic Research report notes, employees value current pay much more than they value deferred compensation into a pension system. Thus, a better way to recruit and retain teachers might be to pay them more now, rather than promise them more later.” [Show-Me Institute, [11/18/15](#)]

*The Kochs Efforts To Undermine Missouri Pensions Ignored Public Input And Would Increase Costs By \$150 Million Over 10 Years While Cutting Pension Benefits By 41%*

**Department Of Social Services Family Support Division Specialist Laura Davis: “Rep. Koenig’s Bill Would Increase Costs By \$150 Million Over The Next 10 Years And Cut Guaranteed Pensions By 41 Percent.”** According to an op-ed by Department of Social Services Family Support Division specialist Laura Davis in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, “Rep. Koenig’s bill would increase costs by \$150 million over the next 10 years and cut guaranteed pensions by 41 percent. This less-for-more approach in the long run will increase the rate of poverty among the elderly and make it harder for retirees to pay for food, shelter and health care.” [Laura Davis – St. Louis Post Dispatch, [4/8/14](#)]

**Department Of Social Services Family Support Division Specialist Laura Davis: Rep. Koenig Claimed He Wanted To “Give Public Workers An Active Role In Managing Their Investments. Yet Not One State Employee Testified In Favor Of The Legislation.”** According to an op-ed by Department of Social Services Family Support Division specialist Laura Davis in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, “The bill sponsor says he wants to give public workers an active role in managing their investments. Yet not one state employee testified in favor of the legislation. One committee member added that most public workers would prefer to let professional investment managers handle their retirement security so they can focus on their jobs.” [Laura Davis – St. Louis Post Dispatch, [4/8/14](#)]

**A Pew-Commissioned Joint Mellman Group And Public Opinion Strategies Bipartisan Poll Found That Voters Had Favorable Views Of Public Employees And 55% Of Voters Believed Public Pension Benefits Were Currently At The Right Amount Or Were Too Small.** According to Salon, “Yet, there was one big embarrassing problem: When the organization released its new poll at the conference in support of its pension-cutting agenda, the survey data showed that the American public is powerfully rejecting the right’s anti-public-worker crusade. Salon has obtained a copy of the results of the Pew-commissioned poll, which was jointly conducted by the Democratic-aligned Mellman Group and the GOP-aligned Public Opinion Strategies. You can review the full results of the survey here. The key findings include: Though the anti-pension coalition has spent millions of dollars on ads and public campaigns to portray public employees as greedy parasites, the pollsters found that ‘voters have generally favorable views of public employees’ and that those favorable views are found among voters of both political parties. [...] In all, 55 percent of poll respondents believe public pension benefits are currently about the right amount, or too small.” [Salon, [11/19/13](#)]

- **Pew’s Poll Showed That “50 Percent Of Poll Respondents Said That Public Pensions Face Minor Problems Or No Problems, While Just 33 Percent Believe Anti-Pension Activists Who Say Public Pensions Are Facing Major Problems.”** According to Salon, “Pew and other anti-pension activists have claimed that a 30-year \$1.3 trillion pension shortfall is a huge crisis, even though according to the Center for Economic and Policy Research the shortfall only represents about 0.2 percent of projected gross state GDP. Though modest adjustments may be required, the situation is hardly a crisis, especially with the shortfall being far less than the amount states, counties and towns are currently spending on corporate subsidies. Pew’s poll shows that the majority of Americans seem to understand the reality of the situation. In all, 50 percent of poll respondents said that public pensions face minor problems or no

problems, while just 33 percent believe anti-pension activists who say public pensions are facing major problems.” [Salon, [11/19/13](#)]

**Pew’s Poll Showed That In The Eyes Of Taxpayers, Traditional Defined Benefit Plans For Public Employees Were Far Superior To Defined Contribution Plans, Backing Up Actuarial Data On These Retirement Systems.** According to Salon, “Anti-pension activists (backed by Wall Street firms that stand to financially gain) have insisted that public pensions should be changed from defined benefit systems into defined-contribution plans like individually managed 401(k)-style accounts. Yet, Pew’s poll shows that in the eyes of taxpayers, traditional defined benefit plans for public employees are far superior to defined contribution plans. That makes sense as actuarial data prove defined-benefit systems are far more cost-effective for taxpayers and stable for retirees than 401(k)-style systems.” [Salon, [11/19/13](#)]

- **National Institute On Retirement Security: “Some Have Proposed Replacing Traditional Defined Benefit (DB) Pensions With 401(K)-Type Defined Contribution (DC) Retirement Savings Plans In An Effort To Save Money” But “To Deliver The Same Level Of Retirement Benefits, A DB Plan Can Do The Job At Almost Half The Cost Of A DC Plan.”** According to the National Institute on Retirement Security, “And governments are concerned about delivering on the promises that they have made to their citizens and to their employees as tax revenues shrink amid a weakening economy. In this environment, some have proposed replacing traditional defined benefit (DB) pensions with 401(k)-type defined contribution (DC) retirement savings plans in an effort to save money. But decision-makers would be wise to look before they leap. To deliver the same level of retirement benefits, a DB plan can do the job at almost half the cost of a DC plan. Hence, DB plans should remain an integral part of retirement income security in an increasingly uncertain world because they offer employers and employees the best bang for the buck.” [National Institute on Retirement Security, accessed [9/7/16](#)]

## The Koch Fight Against Environmental Protection

### AFP-MO RAILED AGAINST THE CLEAN POWER PLAN AND CARBON REGULATIONS

**Americans For Prosperity-Missouri Called On Their Congressional Delegation To Stand Up To The New Carbon Regulations Released By The EPA Calling For Greenhouse Gas Reductions.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Today Americans for Prosperity–Missouri called on the Congressional delegation to stand up to the new carbon regulations released by the EPA, which demands a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. The regulations will be particularly burdensome in Missouri, where coal-fired plants produce over 80% the state’s electricity.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [6/3/14](#)]

- **AFP-MO State Director Patrick Werner: President Obama’s EPA Placed “Ideological Zealotry Above The Need For Commonsense Energy Solutions And Job Creation.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “AFP – Missouri State Director Patrick Werner released the following statement: ‘President Obama’s EPA is placing ideological zealotry above the need for commonsense energy solutions and job creation. Strangling carbon based energy is “unlikely” to have any positive environmental impact according to the Obama Administration, but it will destroy jobs and raise the cost of cooling our homes.’” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [6/3/14](#)]

**AFP-MO Deputy Director Rachel Payton: Bad Policies Like The Clean Power Plan Threatened “To Increase Electricity Prices In Missouri On Average By 24 Percent Each Year Once Compliance Begins.”** According to an opinion by AFP-MO deputy director Rachel Payton in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “Electricity prices will also increase from bad policy at the federal level. It won’t matter whether the current ratemaking process or a new detailed formula sets prices if the so-called Clean Power Plan is implemented here in Missouri. The regulation threatens to increase electricity prices in Missouri on average by 24 percent each year once compliance begins.” [Rachel Payton – St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [4/13/16](#)]

- **Payton: Missourians Should “Urge Gov. Jay Nixon To Direct The Department Of Natural Resources To Stop Implementing The Clean Power Plan Until The Legality Of The Regulation Has Been Settled.”** According to an opinion by AFP-MO deputy director Rachel Payton in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “Electricity prices will also increase from bad policy at the federal level. It won’t matter whether the current ratemaking process or

a new detailed formula sets prices if the so-called Clean Power Plan is implemented here in Missouri. The regulation threatens to increase electricity prices in Missouri on average by 24 percent each year once compliance begins. Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court's recent stay on the regulation, we have greater power to fight back. Missourians should urge Gov. Jay Nixon to direct the Department of Natural Resources to stop implementing the Clean Power Plan until the legality of the regulation has been settled. And state lawmakers should pass legislation requiring any implementation plans to be approved by the Legislature.” [Rachel Payton – St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [4/13/16](#)]

**Missouri State Lawmaker Tim Remole Introduced A Resolution Mimicking The Text Of AFP's Reliable, Affordable And Safe Power Act Seeking To Prohibit The EPA From Limiting CO2 Emissions From Power Plants.** According to Think Progress, “On Thursday, Missouri state lawmaker Tim Remole introduced a resolution mimicking the text of AFP's Reliable, Affordable and Safe Power (RASP) Act. Remole's resolution ‘seeks to prohibit state agencies from using state money to implement EPA rules and guidelines,’ specifically the EPA's efforts to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.” [Think Progress, [3/13/15](#)]

**AFP-MO Held A Day Of Action Focusing On Several Issues Including The EPA.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Join us as we hold our first Missouri Day of Action of 2016! We'll be reaching out to fellow Missourians about issues sure to take center stage in the election year ahead. We'll be getting citizens' opinions on policies like Medicaid Expansion, the EPA, and state spending. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided, so bring a friend and be ready to fight for freedom!” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [1/23/16](#)]

### **The Clean Power Plan And Clean Air Act Regulations Were Projected To Greatly Benefit Missouri**

*The Clean Power Plan Could Provide Public Health And Climate Benefits Totaling \$93 Billion Per Year By 2030*

**EPA: The Clean Power Plan “Will Lead To Climate And Health Benefits Worth An Estimated \$55 Billion To \$93 Billion Per Year In 2030.”** According to an EPA Fact Sheet, “These reductions will lead to climate and health benefits worth an estimated \$55 billion to \$93 billion per year in 2030. This includes avoiding 2,700 to 6,600 premature deaths and 140,000 to 150,000 asthma attacks in children” [EPA Fact Sheet, accessed [10/5/15](#)]

*The Clean Power Plan Will Cut Pollutants That Make People Sick And Could Save 1,200 Lives In Missouri*

**Natural Resources Defense Council: A Harvard Analysis Showed “That The Health Benefits Of Reducing Particle Pollution And Smog From Power Plants Could Save 1,200 Lives And Prevent 310 Hospitalizations In Missouri From 2020 To 2030.”** According to the Natural Resources Defense Council “A Harvard analysis shows that the health benefits of reducing particle pollution and smog from power plants could save 1,200 lives and prevent 310 hospitalizations in Missouri from 2020 to 2030.” [Natural Resources Defense Council, [8/2015](#)]

**EPA: “The Clean Power Plan Will Reduce Pollutants That Contribute To The Soot And Smog That Make People Sick By Over 25 Percent In 2030.”** According to the Environmental Protection Agency, “The Clean Power Plan will reduce pollutants that contribute to the soot and smog that make people sick by over 25 percent in 2030. 54,000 to 56,000 tons of PM2.5[.] 424,000 to 471,000 tons of sulfur dioxide[.] 407,000 to 428,000 tons of nitrogen dioxide[.]”[EPA, [4/11/16](#)]

*Using The Clean Air Act To Implement The Clean Power Plan Would Cut 20.2 Million Tons Of Carbon Pollution In Missouri*

**NRDC: Using The Clean Air Act To Reduce Carbon Pollution Would Cut 20.2 Million Tons Of Carbon Pollution In Missouri, Equal To The Annual Emissions Of 4.2 Million Cars By 2020.** According to the Natural Resources Defense Council “In Missouri, the impacts would be substantial. Using the Clean Air Act in this way to reduce carbon pollution, the state could in 2020: [...] Cut 20.2 million tons of carbon pollution, equal to the annual emissions of 4.2 million cars.” [Natural Resources Defense Council, [5/2014](#)]

*Implementing Carbon Reductions Through The Clean Air Act Would Create 3,900 Jobs In Missouri*

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in this way to reduce carbon pollution, the state could in 2020: [...] Create 3,900 jobs—largely through investments in energy efficiency.” [Natural Resources Defense Council, [5/2014](#)]

### *The Clean Power Plan Would Save Missouri Families And Businesses Millions On Utility Bills*

**NRDC: Using The Clean Air Act To Reduce Carbon Pollution Would Save Missouri Households \$15 Million A Month, Or \$180 Million Annually By 2020.** According to the Natural Resources Defense Council “In Missouri, the impacts would be substantial. Using the Clean Air Act in this way to reduce carbon pollution, the state could in 2020: [...] Save Missouri households \$15 million a month, or \$180 million annually, on their electricity bills, NRDC estimates.” [Natural Resources Defense Council, [5/2014](#)]

- **The Clean Power Plan Would Save Americans Over \$80 Annually On Utility Bills By 2030.** According to an EPA Fact Sheet, “In addition to helping make our electric system cleaner, the Clean Power Plan will make electricity more affordable in the long run. EPA’s analysis of impacts on electricity bills shows that Americans are expected to save over \$80 annually on their utility bills by 2030.” [EPA Fact Sheet, accessed [10/5/15](#)]

**NRDC: Using The Clean Air Act To Reduce Carbon Pollution Would Save Missouri Business Customers \$183 Million On Their Electricity Bills By 2020.** According to the Natural Resources Defense Council “In Missouri, the impacts would be substantial. Using the Clean Air Act in this way to reduce carbon pollution, the state could in 2020: [...] Save Missouri business customers \$183 million on their electricity bills.” [Natural Resources Defense Council, [5/2014](#)]

## **THE KOCHS FOUGHT AGAINST RENEWABLE ENERGY IN MISSOURI**

### **Americans For Prosperity Claimed The Renewable Energy Mandate Strained The Electricity Grid And Increased Prices**

**AFP-MO Deputy Director Rachel Payton: Missouri’s Renewable Energy Mandate “Dramatically Increased The Amount Of So-Called Green Energy, Straining The Electricity Grid And Increasing Prices.”** According to an opinion by AFP-MO deputy director Rachel Payton in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “On the state level, Missouri’s renewable energy mandate is contributing to higher electricity prices. The Beacon Hill Institute estimated that the mandate will raise electricity prices 14.8 percent by 2021, resulting in \$1.41 billion in higher costs to consumers and 6,065 lost jobs. The renewable energy mandate is part of the reason utilities are asking for more money for infrastructure spending. Renewable sources like wind and solar are extremely variable, meaning that grid operators cannot depend on them to be available to produce power to the same extent they can depend on natural gas or coal. In order to deal with this problem, costly infrastructure updates must be made. The energy mandate has dramatically increased the amount of so-called green energy, straining the electricity grid and increasing prices.” [Rachel Payton – St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [4/13/16](#)]

**AFP-MO Launched A Media Effort Encouraging Reps. Graves, Luetkemeyer And Wagner To End The Wind Protection Tax Credit.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Americans for Prosperity Missouri, the state’s largest grassroots group advocating for economic freedom, is launching a new media effort today encouraging Reps. Graves, Luetkemeyer and Wagner to end the Wind Protection Tax Credit. The group is urging Missourians to call their representatives and tell them to oppose the subsidy. The ads will be running on several digital platforms and will be coupled with calls into the districts to urge citizens to reach out to their representative. AFP argues that Americans deserve energy solutions that are economically viable, not ones that require government backing indefinitely.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [11/13/14](#)]

### **The Show-Me Institute Spoke Out Against Clean Energy Subsidies**

**Show-Me Institute: The State Should Not Subsidize Renewable Energy.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Gov. Jay Nixon wants to make Missouri a green state. According to an article in the Missouri Watchdog, the governor sent a letter to the leaders of the Missouri General Assembly encouraging them to pass legislation that supports the development of energy alternatives. [...] Sounds good, huh? Greener energy is a good thing for Missouri, right? Unfortunately, this is a problematic way to get to that goal. I strongly support the development of renewable energy, but I do not want the state to subsidize it!” [Show-Me Institute, [2/22/11](#)]



- **Show-Me Institute: There Was No Reason To Subsidize Wind And Solar Energy - If They Had A Bright Future, Companies Would Support These Enterprises.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “There is an overwhelming body of scholarly evidence, to which the Show-Me Institute has contributed, supporting the conclusion that whenever government intervenes in the marketplace in order to try to pick winners and losers, they almost always wind up picking losers and compounding failure. If, as the president suggests, there is a bright future for high-speed rail, high-speed wireless, or wind and solar energy, there is no reason to suppose that private companies would not support such enterprises, lured by the prospect of future growth and earnings.” [Show-Me Institute, [1/28/11](#)]

### **ALEC Treated Renewable Energy As A Threat And Pushed To Get Rid Of Clean Energy Standards**

**ALEC Pushed To Get Rid Of Missouri’s Clean Energy Standards.** According to Think Progress, “ALEC has pushed extensively to repeal or weaken renewable energy standards, most recently in North Carolina. Largely, it has failed in this effort. Of the 13 states where it pushed to get rid of clean energy standards like Missouri’s, it did not successfully push through even one piece of legislation.” [Think Progress, [8/22/13](#)]

- **Kansas City Star: The Kansas House Rejected An ALEC-Inspired Bill In Kansas To Repeal Renewable Energy Standards.** According to an editorial from the Kansas City Star, “Lo and behold, the Kansas House this session rejected an ALEC-inspired bill in Kansas to repeal renewable energy supports, and even some Republicans recognized how practical, economic matters outweighed mere politics. [Editorial – Kansas City Star, [5/1/14](#)]

### **ALEC Held A Spring Task Force Summit In Kansas City, Missouri Discussing The Threat Of Solar Energy.**

According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “At the ALEC ‘Spring Task Force Summit,’ held in Kansas City, Missouri, in May, legislators and lobbyists sat down together to eat lunch and hear about the threat of solar.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [6/30/14](#)]

### **Missouri’s Renewable Energy Standards Led To A Thriving Clean Energy Industry And Job Creation**

**Missouri’s Renewable Energy Standard Legislation Led To A Thriving Clean Energy Industry That “Employs Nearly 40,000 Workers At More Than 4,400 Establishments.”** According to Windpower Engineering, “As Governor Jay Nixon and state lawmakers prepare Missouri’s new energy plan, a first-of-its-kind report recently released shows that the state’s vibrant and growing clean energy industry employs nearly 40,000 workers at more than 4,400 establishments. [...] The state’s successful renewable energy standard, successful utility energy efficiency programs, and dropping prices for renewable energy are driving clean energy job growth in Missouri, according to the report.” [Windpower Engineering, [4/9/15](#)]

**National Resources Defense Council: Investments In Energy Efficiency Using The Clean Air Act Would Create 3,900 Jobs In Missouri By 2020.** According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, “In Missouri, the impacts would be substantial. Using the Clean Air Act in this way to reduce carbon pollution, the state could in 2020: [...] Create 3,900 jobs—largely through investments in energy efficiency.” [National Resources Defense Council, [5/2014](#)]

**The Renewable Energy Standard Was Projected To Generate \$2.86 Billion In Economic Activity In The State Over The Next 20 Years.** According to the National Resources Defense Council, “This standard intended to bring new renewable energy projects, like wind farms and solar panels, to Missouri, in turn stimulating the economy and providing new jobs. A 2008 University of Missouri-St. Louis study predicted that the Renewable Energy Standard would create 9,591 jobs and generate \$2.86 billion in economic activity in the state over the next 20 years.” [NRDC, [3/12/13](#)]

### **The Kochs Fought Clean Energy To Protect Their Bottom Line**

**The Koch Network Mounted A Fierce State Level Campaign Against Green Energy To Protect Their Fossil Fuel Profits.** According to Rolling Stone, “But the birth of Big Solar poses a grave threat to those who profit from burning fossil fuels. And investor-owned utilities, together with Koch-brothers-funded front groups like American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), are mounting a fierce, rear-guard resistance at the state level – pushing rate hikes and punishing fees for homeowners who turn to solar power. Their efforts have darkened green-energy prospects in could-be solar superpowers like Arizona and Nevada.” [Rolling Stone, [2/11/16](#)]

**The Kochs Spent Heavily To Oppose Renewable Energy To Protect Their Profits And Long Term Threats To Their Business.** According to the New York Times, “For the last few months, the Kochs and other big polluters have been spending heavily to fight incentives for renewable energy, which have been adopted by most states. [...] The coal producers’ motivation is clear: They see solar and wind energy as a long-term threat to their businesses. [...] This campaign is really about the profits of Koch Carbon and the utilities, which to its organizers is much more important than clean air and the consequences of climate change.” [New York Times, [4/27/14](#)]

## **AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY RAILED AGAINST A PROPOSED GAS TAX TO PAY FOR DECAYING INFRASTRUCTURE**

**AFP-MO Deputy Director Rachel Payton Chastised Senate Transportation Committee Members For “Looking To The Easy Way Out” With A Gas Tax Increase “Instead Of Working To Find Places In The Budget To Restrict Spending.”** According to a post on the Turner Report blog, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Missouri Deputy State Director, Rachel Payton, released the following statement regarding movement on a gas tax hike. ‘Missourians can't afford another gas tax hike. After yesterday's Senate Transportation Committee hearing, it is clear that these legislators must be reminded that they are elected to represent the people of Missouri. Instead of working to find places in the budget to restrict spending, they are looking to the easy way out. Well Missourians are sick of funding the fast solution. Americans for Prosperity Missouri will continue to educate our activist base on this issue and encourage them to reach out to those senators sitting on the Transportation Committee to tell them how they feel.’” [Turner Report, [1/14/16](#)]

**AFP-MO Lambasted The Missouri Senate For Embracing “More Big Government Solutions By Passing A Tax Increase On Gas.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Yesterday the Republican controlled Missouri Senate embraced more big government solutions by passing a tax increase on gas. Luckily it still has to pass another Republican controlled House before the tax payers get hit with a tax increase which they rejected just a few short months ago.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [5/1/15](#)]

**AFP-MO Called For The House To Stop The Disappointing Gas Tax Legislation Passed By The Senate.** According to the Missouri Times, “After passing the Senate on Wednesday night, gas tax legislation will move to the House where there could be bipartisan support for the increase despite stiff opposition. [...] And outside groups, like Americans for Prosperity, have already called for the House to stop the legislation. ‘We are disappointed to see the State Senate vote to approve a gas tax hike on Missourians,’ said AFP Missouri Deputy State Director Rachel Payton. ‘A lot of families are just feeling the relief of some lower gas prices, and with summer coming, we can expect prices to go up, and now we will have to start paying more! This would put us above the national average gas tax.’” [Missouri Times, [4/7/16](#)]

**AFP Testified Against A Senate Bill To Raise A Proposed Motor Fuel Tax Increase Despite It Being Supported By Organizations That Would Bear The Brunt Of Paying A Higher Motor Fuel Tax.** According to the Joplin Globe, “A Senate bill continued to have support from several organizations during a House panel hearing Tuesday, despite the bill being amended to raise a proposed motor fuel tax increase even more. [...] Despite a sharper increase, organizations that would bear the brunt of paying a higher motor fuel tax still stood by Libla's proposal. [...] Other proponents include the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri State Council of Firefighters, the Missouri Farm Bureau, County Commissioners Association of Missouri, AAA Missouri, the Missouri Trucking Association, the Associated Industries of Missouri and Empower Missouri. Two conservative groups, Missouri Alliance for Freedom and Americans for Prosperity, testified against the bill, citing opposition to raising taxes.” [Joplin Globe, [4/27/16](#)]

**AFP-MO Released A Petition To Fight Rep. Glen Kolkmeier's Proposed Two Cent Gas Tax Increase.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Join AFP in the Fight to Stop the Gas Tax Hike! Sign the petition to tell Rep. Kolkmeier you can't afford a gas tax increase! [...] Rep. Glen Kolkmeier said he will introduce a bill to raise the Missouri fuel tax by 2 cents per gallon. But funding is not the issue here - priorities are. Once again, the government has a spending problem. This proposed gas tax increase would hit our middle- and low- income families the hardest. Missouri motorists should say NO to a gas tax increase.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, accessed [7/13/16](#)]

## **The Gas Tax Increase Was Necessary To Pay For Crumbling Roads And Bridges**

**CBS St. Louis: Missouri Had 640 Bridges In Critical Condition And More Than 1,300 That Had Weight Restrictions, “While More Than One In 10 Of Missouri’s Major Roads Are In Poor Condition.”** According to CBS St. Louis, “Bill sponsor Sen. Doug Libla has said Missouri’s infrastructure needs drastic repairs the state cannot currently afford. About 640 of the state’s bridges are in critical condition and more than 1,300 have weight restrictions, while more than one in 10 of Missouri’s major roads are in poor condition.” [CBS St. Louis, [4/7/16](#)]

**Missouri Transportation Director Patrick McKenna: Missouri Had The Fourth-Lowest Spending On Transportation Per Mile Of Road.** According to CBS St. Louis, “Missouri has the fourth-lowest spending on transportation per mile of road, Transportation Director Patrick McKenna said earlier this year.” [CBS St. Louis, [4/7/16](#)]

**Missouri’s Current Fuel Tax Of 17 Cents Per Gallon Was Among The Lowest In The Nation.** According to St. Louis Dispatch, “Missouri’s gasoline tax is among the lowest in the nation at 17 cents per gallon.” [St. Louis Dispatch, [1/13/16](#)]

**Washington Times: Missouri Had Not Raised Its Fuel Tax Since 1992 And Inflation Since Then “Eroded The Relative Purchasing Power Of That Tax Down To About 8 Cents.”** According to the Washington Times, “The last time Missouri raised its fuel tax was 1992, when lawmakers voted to gradually increase it to 17 cents per gallon. Inflation has since eroded the relative purchasing power of that tax down to about 8 cents, said Sen. Doug Libla, the Poplar Bluff Republican who chairs the committee and sponsored the bill.” [Washington Times, [1/13/16](#)]

## **KOCH-BACKED GROUPS SELFISHLY FOUGHT TO PROTECT PLASTIC BAGS FROM REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THEIR USE**

### **AFP-MO And The Show-Me Institute Backed Legislation That Would Prohibit Banning Plastic Bags**

**AFP-Missouri State Deputy Director Rachel Payton Testified “In Favor” Of A Bill That Would “Prevent Cities From Banning Plastic Bags Or Imposing A Fee On Those Bags.”** According to the Columbia Daily Tribune, “A bill to stop local governments from putting restrictions on the use of plastic bags was met with industry support and citizen opposition before the House Energy and Environment Committee on Tuesday. The bill, filed by freshman Rep. Dan Shaul, R-Imperial, would give customers the choice of paper or plastic bags at any store and prevent cities from banning plastic bags or imposing a fee on those bags. [...] Americans for Prosperity Deputy State Director Rachel Payton testified in favor of the bill. ‘The city of Columbia is getting in the way of the consumer and the retailer, and we are asking the state to let the consumer have a choice and not allow the city to get in the way of our choice,’ Payton said.” [Columbia Daily Tribune, [2/11/15](#)]

**Show-Me Institute: Statewide Prohibitions On Plastic Bag Bans “Protects The Rights Of Individuals.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “A legislator said we are likely to see more municipalities pursuing plastic bag bans as they have become more popular nationwide, which is why lawmakers are considering legislation that would ban plastic bag bans. [...] While I believe that Missouri should promote environmentally responsible behavior, it’s unclear whether or not policies like the one Columbia proposed would actually help the environment. Though some might argue that a statewide ban on bans limits the power of local governments, the proposed legislation actually protects the rights of individuals.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/2/15](#)]

### *ALEC Also Worked To Prevent Regulations On Plastic Bags*

**ALEC Worked To Prevent Local Governments From Banning Plastic Bags.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Preventing local governments from banning, charging a fee for, or otherwise regulating plastic bags is part of a national strategy by corporate interests and groups they fund, like ALEC to override progressive policy gains at the city and county level. [...] One of the few pieces of model legislation adopted by the American City County Exchange (ACCE), the ALEC offshoot targeting local elected officials, is a resolution titled ‘Regulating Containers to Protect Business and Consumer Choice.’ That resolution calls on municipal governments not to regulate single-use containers and packaging, such as ‘reusable bags, disposable bags, boxes, cups, and bottles that are made of cloth, paper, plastic, extruded polystyrene, or similar materials...’ It also asserts that ‘confusing’ regulations will lead to increased costs to consumers and businesses, and claims that

the ‘free market is the best arbiter of the container,’ despite the failure of the market to address the problem of the estimated nearly 88 billion plastic bags that are not recycled annually in the U.S.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [3/16/16](#)]

### **Koch Industries Has A Financial Stake In Plastic Bags: GP Recycles Plastic Bags Into Pellets They Sell To Manufacturers**

**GP Harmon Had An “Important Industry Role” In Recycling Plastic Including At Retail Operations.** According to GP Harmon’s page on plastic products, “GP Harmon has an important industry role in recycling plastic and metal pre- and post-consumer scrap nationwide. Our worldwide marketing expertise and significant volume of captive tons can benefit all recyclers [...] Whether grocery, apparel, general merchandise or home improvement, GP Harmon is helping retailers nationwide to recycle more. Programs have been established at store and distribution centers to handle: LLDPE and LDPE films HDPE bag film PET strapping Garment hangers Metal shelving, food service cans and other ferrous/nonferrous metals Plastic bottles grades from cafeteria And more...” [GPHarmon.com/plastics, accessed [7/23/15](#)]

**GP Harmon Converted The Bags Into Plastic Pellets That It Sold To Manufacturers.** According to a blog post by Zachary Bergson in the Gotham Gazette, “Santina Stankevich, a ShopRite Supermarket representative, said customers of the store, which has numerous locations around New York, recycled over 579 tons of plastic bags in 2010 at its state required recycling centers. After the bags are collected, she said, ShopRite gives them to a recycling company called GP Harmon Recycling, which process the bags into plastic pellets it sells to manufacturers.” [GothamGazette.com/blog, [7/3/11](#)]

## **Koch Efforts To Privatize Missouri Education**

### **AFP-MO PUSHED FOR SCHOOL CHOICE AND CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION**

**AFP-MO Pushed For School Choice And Charter School Expansion In Their Legislative Agenda.** According to the AFP Missouri 2013 Legislative Agenda, “AFP-MO will continue to push for education reform in our perpetually failing districts by encouraging more choice for Missouri students. This includes Charter School expansion, examining tenure reform, and providing options for families with students stuck in failing school districts.” [AFP Missouri 2013 Legislative Agenda, [2013](#)]

**AFP-MO Co-Hosted A National School Choice Week Event With The Show-Me Institute.** According to an Americans for Prosperity press release via Business Wire, “The role of school choice in the future prosperity of today’s students will be the topic of a discussion at the Missouri State Capitol on January 28. James Shuls, director of education policy at the Show Me Institute, will lead the discussion titled ‘Education and the Path to Prosperity’ beginning at 10 a.m. in House Hearing Room 2. Parents are encouraged to attend and hear how quality educational choices can positively impact the futures of their children. The event is one of 5,500 independently-planned ones taking place during National School Choice Week 2014 – the nation’s largest-ever celebration of educational opportunity. NSCW runs from January 26 – February 1, 2014. Americans for Prosperity-Missouri (AFP-MO) is part of the nation’s premier grassroots organization committed to advancing every individual’s right to economic freedom and opportunity.” [Americans for Prosperity, [1/27/14](#)]

### **SHOW-ME INSTITUTE ADVOCATED “OUTSOURCING” PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**The Show-Me Institute Headline: “Privatization: Still A Good Thing In Education.”** [Show-Me Institute, [7/6/16](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Mirrored ALEC Legislation To Push For School Voucher Programs.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “It doesn’t end there. In 2008, the Show-Me Institute released a ‘policy study’ titled ‘The Fiscal Effects of a Tuition Tax Credit Program in Missouri,’ and that same year, Jones introduced a tuition tax credit bill titled the ‘Children’s Education Freedom Act,’ which reflected the ALEC ‘Great Schools Tax Credit Act.’ (Despite the Show-Me Institute study claiming to demonstrate that tuition tax credits would save the state money, the bill’s fiscal note estimated the cost at \$40 million.) In contrast with traditional vouchers, where the state directly reimburses a private school for tuition costs, these ‘tuition tax credit’ proposals—sometimes called neo-vouchers—offer tax credits to individuals and corporations who donate to a nonprofit ‘school tuition organization.’ The nonprofit then pays for a student’s tuition.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]



**The Show-Me Institute Co-Hosted A National School Choice Week Event With AFP-MO And Headlined A Policy Presentation.** According to an Americans for Prosperity press release via Business Wire, “JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The role of school choice in the future prosperity of today’s students will be the topic of a discussion at the Missouri State Capitol on January 28. James Shuls, director of education policy at the Show Me Institute, will lead the discussion titled ‘Education and the Path to Prosperity’ beginning at 10 a.m. in House Hearing Room 2. Parents are encouraged to attend and hear how quality educational choices can positively impact the futures of their children. The event is one of 5,500 independently-planned ones taking place during National School Choice Week 2014 – the nation’s largest-ever celebration of educational opportunity. NSCW runs from January 26 – February 1, 2014. Americans for Prosperity-Missouri (AFP-MO) is part of the nation’s premier grassroots organization committed to advancing every individual’s right to economic freedom and opportunity. AFP-MO works with citizen leaders to educate and engage them and their communities in support of restraining local, state, and federal government growth. National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for children – including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and homeschooling. Contacts[:] For National School Choice Week[,] Americans for Prosperity[:] Rachel Payton[.]” [Americans for Prosperity, [1/27/14](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Said Promoting School Choice Through Funding Vehicles Like ESAs And Tax Credit Scholarships Was A “Huge Priority Of Ours.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Promoting school choice through funding vehicles like ESAs and tax credit scholarships has been a huge priority of ours here at the Show-Me Institute, and while these are small programs, they are a great first step to providing quality options for students across the state.” [Show-Me Institute, [4/29/16](#)]

**Show-Me Institute: States Should Expand School Choice With School Vouchers And Tax Credits Because Public School Districts Were Not Bastions Of Democracy But Were “Stacked Against Parents.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “This problem was and is real for us and it is real for families across the country. This is just one of the reasons states should expand school choice for all students. Though opponents wish to portray schools and school districts as bastions of democracy, they are not. The power is clearly stacked against parents, and it is stacked that way because it can be. Until we empower parents with school vouchers, tuition tax credit scholarships, and charter schools, my family’s struggle, and the struggle of families similar to mine, will continue.” [Show-Me Institute, [February 2013](#)]

**Show-Me Institute: Outsourcing Public Education Using Vouchers Or Tax Credit Scholarships Could Yield The Same Benefits As Outsourcing Other Public Services.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Time and again we see benefits from outsourcing public services to private companies. Yet, many fail to see how private school choice programs, such as vouchers or tax credit scholarships, could yield the same benefits.” [Show-Me Institute, [7/20/16](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute, Using ALEC Model Legislation, Pushed For Parent Trigger Legislation That Allowed Parents To Seize Control Of Their Public Schools And Even Privatize Them.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Together, Jones and the Show-Me Institute—backed with Sinquefeld cash, and using ALEC model legislation—have pushed an education privatization agenda in the state. For example, Speaker Jones sponsored ‘parent trigger’ legislation in both 2011 and 2012, bills that reflected the ALEC model ‘Parent Trigger Act.’ Parent triggers allow parents to vote via referendum to seize control of their public schools and fire the teachers and principal or privatize the schools. The Show-Me Institute provided outside support for the legislation, with a group’s representative claiming that the bill ‘would expand the ability of parents to take an active role in the public education of their children.’” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

**Education Historian And Former U.S. Assistant Secretary Of Education In The First Bush Administration Diane Ravitch Characterized Parent Trigger Laws As A “Clever Way To Trick Parents Into Seizing Control Of Their Schools And Handing Them Over To Private Corporations.”** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Parent triggers are presented as a grassroots way to give parents control—and have been romanticized in the film *Won't Back Down*—but Diane Ravitch, an education historian and former U.S. assistant secretary of education in the first Bush Administration, characterizes parent trigger laws as a ‘clever way to trick parents into seizing control of their schools and handing them over to private corporations.’” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

## ALEC PUSHED THEIR PRIVATIZATION AGENDA THROUGH MISSOURI

### **ALEC Voucher Programs Surfaced In Missouri In Legislation Like The Special Needs Scholarship Program Act.**

According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “A handful of ALEC bills claim to offer ‘scholarships’ for sympathetic populations—like students with disabilities or foster kids—but are actually targeted voucher programs that act as the proverbial ‘camel’s nose under the tent’ to advance a privatization agenda. One ALEC bill, the Special Needs Scholarship Program Act, carves out vouchers for students with special needs, regardless of family income. Nine states—Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island—considered similar legislation in 2015, or expanded existing laws. This bill uses taxpayer funds to send vulnerable children to for-profit schools not bound by federal and state legal requirements to meet a student’s special needs that public schools must follow.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [3/8/16](#)]

**ALEC Opportunity Scholarships Were Introduced In Missouri Which Earmarked Vouchers For Students In Schools Deemed To Be Failing.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “‘Opportunity Scholarships,’ introduced in four states—Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, and New Mexico—earmark vouchers for students in schools deemed ‘failing.’” [Center for Media and Democracy, [3/8/16](#)]

- **ALEC’s Education Savings Account Act Was Introduced In Missouri In 2014 In HB1066.** According to Progress Missouri, Missouri representative Jeff Grisamore introduced ALEC’s “Education Savings Account Act” in 2014 in HB1066. [Progress Missouri, [4/30/14](#)]
- **HB1066 Established Education Savings Accounts For Students With Special Needs.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB1066[.] Establishes educational savings accounts as an option for the education of a child with a specified disability[.]” [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/30/16](#)]
- **HB1066 Failed To Pass.** According to the Missouri House of Representatives, “HB1066[.] Establishes educational savings accounts as an option for the education of a child with a specified disability[.] Last Action: 01/14/2014 - Public Hearing Scheduled, Bill not Heard (H)[.] Next Hearing: Hearing not scheduled[.] Calendar: Bill currently not on a House calendar[.]” [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/30/16](#)]

**ALEC’s “Parent Trigger Legislation” Allowed Parents To “Seize Control Of Their Public Schools” And Even Privatize Them Was Introduced In Missouri.** According to the Center for Media and Democracy, “Together, Jones and the Show-Me Institute—backed with Sinquefeld cash, and using ALEC model legislation—have pushed an education privatization agenda in the state. For example, Speaker Jones sponsored ‘parent trigger’ legislation in both 2011 and 2012, bills that reflected the ALEC model ‘Parent Trigger Act.’ Parent triggers allow parents to vote via referendum to seize control of their public schools and fire the teachers and principal or privatize the schools. The Show-Me Institute provided outside support for the legislation, with a group’s representative claiming that the bill ‘would expand the ability of parents to take an active role in the public education of their children.’” [Center for Media and Democracy, [4/29/14](#)]

- **ALEC’s Parent Trigger Legislation Failed To Pass In Missouri.** According to the Parent Trigger, “Missouri[.] Bill status: In 2011 HB 393, [.] Most recent developments: Bill currently not on a House calendar.” [Missouri House of Representatives, accessed [8/30/16](#)]

## The Koch-Backed Campaign Against Missouri Medicaid Expansion

### AFP-MO MADE IT A PRIORITY TO FIGHT AGAINST MEDICAID EXPANSION

**AFP-MO: “One Of Our Major Concerns This Year Is Focused On Fighting Medicaid Expansion, As We Know It Hasn’t Worked In Several Other States.”** According to the Turner Report, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Missouri Deputy State Director Rachel Payton released the following statement regarding Gov. Nixon’s speech last night: [...] ‘The Governor spent a lot of time last night talking about the plans he had for spending taxpayer dollars, but what about cutting spending? One of our major concerns this year is focused on fighting Medicaid expansion, as we know it hasn’t worked in several other states.’” [Turner Report, [1/21/16](#)]

- **AFP-Missouri: “We Would Like To Thank Speaker Richardson And Senate President Pro Tem Richard For Their Commitment To Fighting This Battle.”** According to the Turner Report, “We would like to thank Speaker Richardson and Senate President Pro Tem Richard for their commitment to fighting this battle as well. We will continue to fight for the Missouri taxpayers and educate them on the issues that affect them every day.” [Turner Report, [1/21/16](#)]

**AFP-MO Pledged To Educate Elected Officials On Medicaid Expansion’s “Burden To Missouri’s Budget And Long Term Fiscal Stability.”** According to the AFP Missouri 2013 Legislative Agenda, “Governor Jay Nixon has proposed expanding Medicaid eligibility to the new Obamacare rules. Since an estimated 30% of doctors in MO are no longer accepting new Medicaid patients, AFP-MO will work with Missouri leaders to encourage Medicaid reform and offer solutions to a system that is considered by many as a failure to those in it. We will also educate our elected officials on the proposed expansion’s burden to Missouri’s budget and long term fiscal stability.” [AFP Missouri 2013 Legislative Agenda, [2013](#)]

**AFP-MO State Director Patrick Werner: “Medicaid Expansion Is Not Only A Bad Deal For Taxpayers, But Will Make It More Difficult For Our Poorest And Most Vulnerable Citizens To Access Health Care.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Once again, Governor Nixon has been proven wrong, choosing not to implement a costly Medicaid expansion will not directly send our tax dollars to support Medicaid expansion in other states,” explained Patrick Werner, Missouri State Director of Americans for Prosperity. “We should do the responsible thing for Missourians and not worry about the misguided and costly decisions of other states. Medicaid expansion is not only a bad deal for taxpayers, but will make it more difficult for our poorest and most vulnerable citizens to access health care.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [4/29/14](#)]

- **AFP-MO: “Medicaid Is Already A Broken System, And Putting More People Into That System Will Only Make It Worse.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Medicaid is already a broken system, and putting more people into that system will only make it worse. Instead of improving Medicaid’s ability to be the safety net for the poor that it was intended to be, Obamacare seeks to put more people on the rolls by widening eligibility requirements to include thousands of able-bodied, childless, working-age adults (many of whom are not working at all). Doing so will further limit the already dismal health care quality provided to existing Medicaid recipients like the elderly, disabled, and poor families with children.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [2/4/16](#)]

**AFP-MO Released An “Anti-Obamacare” Radio Ad.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri’s Facebook, Americans for Prosperity released an “anti-Obamacare” radio advertisement. [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri - Facebook, [4/16/14](#)]

**AFP-MO Held A Day Of Action Focusing On Several Issues Including Medicaid Expansion.** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “Join us as we hold our first Missouri Day of Action of 2016! We’ll be reaching out to fellow Missourians about issues sure to take center stage in the election year ahead. We’ll be getting citizens’ opinions on policies like Medicaid Expansion, the EPA, and state spending. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided, so bring a friend and be ready to fight for freedom!” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [1/23/16](#)]

## THE SHOW-ME INSTITUTE CONDEMNED MEDICAID EXPANSION

**Show-Me Institute: Missouri Was Right To Reject Medicaid Expansion Because It Would Have Added “Thousands Of Able-Bodied, Childless Adults Living Above The Poverty Line To Missouri’s Welfare Rolls.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “With the 2016 legislative session behind them, Missouri’s legislature has once again rejected Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion. Had it passed, the program would have added thousands of able-bodied, childless adults living above the poverty line to Missouri’s welfare rolls, with the state picking up an increasing share of the cost in the years ahead. The legislature was right to reject the Medicaid expansion for a number of reasons—among them, the program’s patient access and health outcome problems and its soaring cost to taxpayers.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/31/16](#)]

- **Show-Me Institute: “Medicaid Is Broken, But Even If It Weren’t, Government Shouldn’t Be Freshly Yoking Millions Of Able-Bodied Americans To The Welfare State.”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “It’s a bad idea to create a new class of welfare recipients and graft them into a broken program like Medicaid, but it is an especially

bad idea to substantively change the standard for who is supposed to be receiving welfare to begin with. Medicaid is broken, but even if it weren't, government shouldn't be freshly yoking millions of able-bodied Americans to the welfare state.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/31/16](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Remarkd That It Was Appropriate That Medicaid Expansion Was Going Nowhere In Missouri Because It Was A Broken Program That Needed To Be Reformed.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Obamacare's Medicaid expansion: While it was a live issue as late as last year, it appears Obamacare's Medicaid expansion is going nowhere in Missouri in 2016. That's appropriate; Medicaid is a broken program, and rather than double-down on this broken status quo, state and national leaders should focus instead on reforming it.” [Show-Me Institute, [3/23/16](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute Claimed Medicaid Was Failing Across The Country And Thus Should Not Be Expanded Under The Affordable Care Act.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Missouri's neediest beneficiaries deserve better than that, and Missouri taxpayers should be able to rest assured not only that their tax dollars are going toward help for those who need it the most, but that failed government policies—particularly those we are seeing fail in real time across the country—aren't brought home to the Show-Me State. We should reform Medicaid for Missouri's neediest. We should not expand it under Obamacare.” [Show-Me Institute, [10/29/15](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: The Continued Delay In Expanding The Affordable Care Act Was “Good News For Missourians” Because It Isn’t Conservative To “Strap A Spending Bomb To Substantive Medicaid Reforms And Then Call The Whole Thing A ‘Transformation.’”** According to the Show-Me Institute, “This Wednesday, the Obamacare crowd introduced, and then withdrew, their final attempt at Medicaid expansion in Missouri. That means the state will not expand Obamacare for another year, and that's good news for Missourians. It isn't ‘conservative’ to strap a spending bomb to substantive Medicaid reforms and then call the whole thing a ‘transformation.’ Legislators were right to reject it.” [Show-Me Institute, [5/16/14](#)]

**The Show-Me Institute: Believers Of Medicaid Expansion Were Either Wrongly Convinced Of Its Efficacy Or Were Simply Ignoring the Long-Term Consequences Of Their Actions.** According to the Show-Me Institute, “Perhaps this Wimpy image is most appropriate when it comes to the Obamacare debate in Missouri. On the one hand are the true believers who, despite evidence to the contrary, believe that government health care is the best health care. On the other hand are the Wimpys of the debate, whose support of Obamacare's Medicaid expansion has more to do with their near-term interests than the long-term consequences of their actions. Those consequences include billions of dollars in new spending and debt saddled on future generations to fund a failing and flailing health care program, meant to explicitly benefit the well-connected and highly profitable hospital industry. So before we pick up the Obamacare expansion fight in 2015, let's be clear: that's just wrong.” [Show-Me Institute, [10/29/14](#)]

## **MISSOURI'S MEDICAID EXPANSION WOULD PROVIDE INSURANCE TO 300,000 MORE MISSOURIANS AND BRING SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

**Missouri Economic Research And Information Center: Expanding Medicaid Coverage Would Provide Insurance Coverage To 313,250 Additional Missourians By 2022.** According to the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), “Expanding It is estimated that 297,024 Missourians will become newly-eligible for Medicaid benefits in FY2015 under the proposed expansion. The number of newly-eligible adults is expected to reach 313,250 by FY2022. The map below (see MAP 3) shows the number of newly-eligible adults by county.” [MERIC, [2/2014](#)]

- **As Of 2014, 834,000 Missourians—16% Of The State’s Nonelderly Population—Were Without Health Insurance Coverage And Medicaid Remained Limited To Parents With Incomes Below 23% Of Poverty, Excluding Adults Without Children Altogether.** According to the Kaiser Foundation, “Prior to implementation of the ACA, 834,000 Missourians—16% of the state’s nonelderly population—were without health insurance coverage. [...] As of January 2014, Medicaid eligibility for adults in Missouri is limited to parents with incomes below 23% of poverty, or about \$5,500 a year for a family of four. Adults without dependent children are ineligible regardless of their income.” [Kaiser Foundation, [4/7/14](#)]

**Missouri Economic Research And Information Center: Expanding Medicaid Coverage Would Create 23,868 Jobs, \$9.9 Billion In New Wages, \$14.6 Billion In New Gross State Product (GSP) And \$402 Million In New State General**



**Revenue By The Year 2022.** According to the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), “Expanding Medicaid coverage would create a total of 23,868 jobs over the 8 year period, \$9.9 billion in new wages, \$14.6 billion in new Gross State Product (GSP) and \$402 million in new state general revenue by the year 2022.” [MERIC, [2/2014](#)]

**Missouri Economic Research And Information Center: Medicaid Expansion Would Inject \$17.4 Billion In New Federal Spending Into Missouri’s Economy Between 2015 And 2022.** According to the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), “For Missouri Expansion of Medicaid eligibility for adults earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) is expected to inject \$17.4 billion in new federal spending into Missouri’s economy from 2015 to 2022.” [MERIC, [2/2014](#)]

**University Of Missouri School Of Medicine: Medicaid Expansion Would Save A Missouri Family Of Four \$1,688 And An Individual \$610 From 2014 – 2020 Due To The Elimination Of Cost Shifting.** According to the University of Missouri School of Medicine Department of Health Management and Informatics, “A cost shift occurs when some payers underpay hospitals and other health care providers relative to the costs of providing care. These costs may then be passed on to private payers in the form of higher premiums. [...] When the full effects of Medicaid expansion are realized, the elimination of cost shifting means a family of four could expect to save \$1,688 due to reduced premiums over the period 2014- 2020, and an individual would save \$610 over this time frame.” [University of Missouri School of Medicine, [11/2012](#)]

- **University Of Missouri School Of Medicine: Medicaid Expansion Could Potentially Save Individuals And Families Nearly \$1 Billion Due To Reductions In Premiums Across The Period 2014 – 2020.** According to the University of Missouri School of Medicine Department of Health Management and Informatics, “Across the period 2014-2020, privately insured individuals and families could potentially save nearly \$1 billion due to reductions in premiums.” [University of Missouri School of Medicine, [11/2012](#)]

## THE KOCH’S CAMPAIGN AGENDA IN MISSOURI

### Roy Blunt

#### THE KOCHS WERE A TOP CONTRIBUTOR TO ROY BLUNT

##### 2016 Fundraising

**David Koch Hosted A \$10,000-A-Plate Fundraiser In Manhattan To Benefit Several GOP Senators Including Roy Blunt.** According to the CT Mirror, “Billionaire industrialist David Koch is hosting a high-dollar fundraiser Monday evening for August Wolf, a Republican running against Democratic U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal. The \$10,000-a-plate fundraiser in Manhattan will also benefit several GOP senators, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire and Jerry Moran of Kansas.” [The Connecticut Mirror, [10/19/15](#)]

##### The Kochs Donated At Least \$161,700 To Support Roy Blunt

**Between 1999 And 2015, Koch Industries Contributed At Least \$161,700 To Roy Blunt.** According to the FEC filings, between 1995 and 2015 Koch Industries contributed at least \$161,700 to Roy Blunt. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Contributor	Contributor Organization	Date	Target	Amount
Koch, Anna	N/A	06/30/2016	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,400
Koch, Chase	Koch Industries	06/30/2016	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,400
Koch, Charles	Koch Industries	06/22/2016	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,400
Koch, Elizabeth	N/A	06/22/2016	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,400
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	12/07/2015	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000

Koch, David	Koch Industries	11/24/2015	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,400
Koch, Julia	N/A	11/24/2015	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,400
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/14/2015	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/30/2015	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/31/2015	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	01/18/2014	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	02/27/2013	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	02/19/2013	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/17/2012	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/04/2011	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch, Elizabeth	N/A	11/01/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch, Anna	N/A	10/18/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch, Chase	Koch Industries	09/13/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch, Julia	Koch Industries	06/30/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch, Julia	Koch Industries	06/30/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch, Charles	Koch Industries	06/07/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch, Charles	Koch Industries	06/07/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,400
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	11/16/2009	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/14/2009	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/14/2009	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/24/2009	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/09/2009	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/19/2009	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/10/2010	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	07/02/2008	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/01/2008	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	04/14/2008	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$4,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/28/2007	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/20/2007	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/02/2007	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/12/2007	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,500

Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/07/2007	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/08/2006	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/08/2006	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/08/2006	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$3,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/13/2005	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/14/2005	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/02/2005	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	04/15/2005	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$2,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/16/2004	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/22/2004	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$3,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	01/23/2004	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/23/2003	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/19/2003	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	05/07/2003	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$5,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	10/11/2002	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/04/2002	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/24/2002	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	03/12/2002	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	02/04/2002	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$1,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	09/12/2001	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$2,000
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/13/2001	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund (Blunt Affiliated PAC)	\$1,500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	12/07/1999	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$500
Koch Industries PAC	Koch Industries	06/09/1999	Friends Of Roy Blunt	\$500
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$161,700</b>

[FEC, accessed 9/27/16]

### **Koch Industries Was A Top Contributor To Roy Blunt**

**Koch Industries Was A Top Ten Contributor To Roy Blunt In 2016.** According to Open Secrets, Koch Industries was a top ten contributor to Roy Blunt in 2016. [Open Secrets, accessed [7/27/16](#)]

### **Sen. Roy Blunt Was The Largest Recipient Of Campaign Contributions From Employees**

**Of Koch Industries.** According to McClatchyDC, “Missouri Republican Sen. Roy Blunt is the largest recipient of campaign contributions from employees of Koch Industries, according to federal data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics. Blunt, who’s facing a re-election challenge from Democrat Jason Kander, has received \$41,700 from Koch employees, including \$10,000 from the Wichita conglomerate’s political action committee.” [McClatchyDC, [9/19/16](#)]

**Roy Blunt Was The Fourth Largest Career Recipient Of Koch Industries PAC Donations In 2011.** According to Think Progress, “The head caucus of Koch allies — the top ten recipients of Koch cash in the U.S. Senate — received nearly half of all of the contributions from the Koch petrochemical conglomerate, and have over 4.6 million people with asthma in their states [...] Senator Pat Roberts has received \$152,000 over the course of his congressional career from Koch Industries. Climate Denier in Chief James Inhofe pulled in \$128,650 throughout his career, Jerry Moran raked in \$104,850, and Roy Blunt \$96,700. Over one-third of Koch donations to Inhofe came in the 2008 election cycle. All four Senators signed the Koch-backed Americans for Prosperity’s ‘No Climate Tax’ pledge in the 2010 election cycle. These Koch all-stars are climate-change deniers, and leaders of the fight against the EPA.” [Think Progress, [4/22/11](#)]

## **AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY SPENT SIX FIGURES AGAINST BLUNT’S OPPONENT JASON KANDER**

### **AFP Spent Over \$498,000 On Mail Campaigns, Canvassing, And Phone Banking Jason Kander**

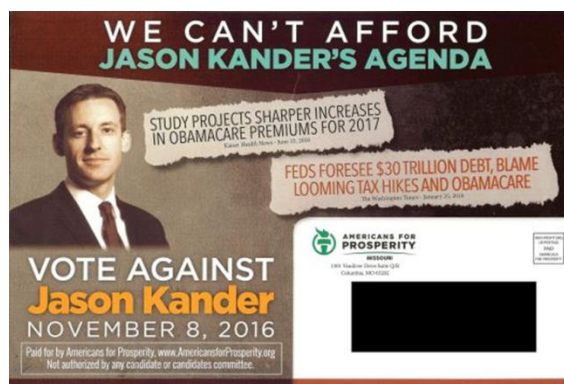
**Americans For Prosperity Has h8Spent At Least \$498,376 Against Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought total, Americans for Prosperity has spent \$489,576.15 in opposition to Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/23/16](#)]

- **AFP Reported Spending Over \$56,000 On Staff Salaries In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported spending \$56,300.48 on 9/23/2016 on staff salaries in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/23/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Spending \$1,800 On Canvassing Expenses In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported spending \$1,800 on 9/23/2016 on canvassing expenses in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/23/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Paying Over \$65,000 For Postage On “Kander Healthcare And ObamaCare” Mail Ads In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported paying the U.S. Postal Service \$66,655.78 on 9/21/2016 for postage on “Kander Healthcare and ObamaCare” mail ads in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/21/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Paying The Singularis Group Over \$20,000 For “Kander Healthcare And ObamaCare” Mail Ads In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported paying The Singularis Group \$23,190.00 on 9/21/2016 for “Kander Healthcare and ObamaCare” mail ads in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/21/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Spending Over \$8,000 On Staff Salaries In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported spending \$8,311.53 on 9/19/2016 on staff salaries in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/21/16](#)]



- **AFP Reported Spending Nearly \$5,000 On Canvassing Expenses In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported spending \$4,687.00 on 9/19/2016 on canvassing expenses in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/21/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Paying Ajilon Professional Staffing Over \$1,000 For Phone Banking In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported paying Ajilon Professional Staffing \$1,126.00 on 9/21/2016 for phone banking in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/21/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Paying Cornerstone Staffing Over \$1,000 For Phone Banking In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported paying Cornerstone Staffing \$1,126.00 on 9/21/2016 for phone banking in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/21/16](#)]
- **AFP Spent \$116,954.47 On A Mail Campaign Targeting Jason Kander.** According to the FEC report of independent expenditures made and contributions received, AFP spent \$116,954.47 on a mailer campaign targeting Jason Kander including \$1,126.40 on phone banking, \$29,795.40, and \$86,032.67 on postage. [FEC, [9/9/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Spending Over \$6,700 On Staff Salaries In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported spending \$6,763.06 on 9/5/2016 on staff salaries in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/7/16](#)]
- **AFP Reported Spending Over \$600 On Canvassing Expenses In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to a 48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report to the FEC, Americans for Prosperity reported spending \$662.00 on 9/5/2016 on canvassing expenses in opposition to Missouri senate candidate Jason Kander. [48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report – FEC, [9/7/16](#)]
- **AFP Spent \$118,619.97 On A Mail Campaign Targeting Jason Kander.** According to the FEC report of independent expenditures made and contributions received, AFP spent \$118,619.97 on a mailer campaign targeting Jason Kander including \$2,432.30 on staff salaries, \$326 on canvassing expenses, \$29,828.10, and \$86,033.57 on postage. [FEC, [9/2/16](#)]

AFP Urged Missourians To Vote Against Jason Kander Because He “Voted Ten Times To Protect Obamacare And Ensure Its Implementation In Missouri.” According to Show Me Progress:



[Show Me Progress, [9/7/16](#)]

- **AFP's Anti-Kander Mail Ad Attacked Him On Support Of The Affordable Care Act, Energy Taxes And A Vote Against Tax Cuts.** According to the Missouri Times, “The group also sent out a mailer highlighting Kander’s links to President Barack Obama. It also highlights Kander’s support of the Affordable Care Act, energy taxes and the

vote against tax cuts. ‘Remember when you had money left at the end of the month?’ the mailer reads. ‘We can’t afford Jason Kander’s agenda.’ The group said they will continue knocking on the doors to keep Kander out of office through the November election. ‘Kander has proved he won’t listen to Missourians by voting ten times to protect Obamacare even after we overwhelmingly rejected it at the polls,’ Cady said. ‘Furthermore, his support for energy tax increases and his vote against tax cuts for lower and middle income workers proves he will only make it harder for Missourians to get by.’” [Missouri Times, [9/26/16](#)]

**AFP Announced A “New Site Exposing Jason Kander’s Agenda.”** According to a Facebook post by AFP-Missouri, “Check out our new site exposing Jason Kander’s agenda!” [AFP-Missouri – Facebook, [9/29/16](#)]

- **AFP’s New Site Asked For Visitors To “Pledge To Vote Against Kander.”** According to the Americans for Prosperity website CantAffordKander.com, “PLEDGE TO VOTE AGAINST KANDER! [...] WE CAN’T AFFORD THE KANDER AND OBAMA AGENDA. VOTE AGAINST JASON KANDER.” [CantAffordKander.com, [9/30/16](#)]

### **The Koch Network Announced That They Were Bulking Up Their Efforts Targeting Voters In Missouri**

**CNN Reported That The Koch Network Added Missouri To Their Targeted States.** According to CNN, “The heavy advertising earlier this year was a new posture for the Kochs, who oversee the most influential conservative donor network in the country: They made their mark in the 2012 cycle by knocking on doors and sending direct mail in swing-states, not with flashy television ads financed by their new super PAC, Freedom Partners Action Fund. And now they are bulking up their field program in two states in particular: Pennsylvania and Indiana, where Koch officials said they remained hopeful despite weak polling for Senate hopeful Todd Young. And they are adding two new targets to their [sic] list of states: North Carolina and Missouri, where Democratic challengers are waging surprisingly successful bids.” [CNN, [9/14/16](#)]

- **The Koch Network Planned To Target Voters In Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, And Wisconsin.** According to The Washington Post, “But the Koch network, which is not supporting Trump, has spent the last several years working to build a permanent ground force that can be rallied in support of conservative causes and candidates. [...] Those organizers are now being trained on 5 million voters in eight states where the network is bolstering GOP Senate candidates: Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.” [Washington Post, [9/14/16](#)]
- **According To The Washington Post, Koch Network Officials Were “Confident” About Sen. Rob Portman Winning His Reelection, But Were “Putting New Resources” Into North Carolina And Missouri.** According to The Washington Post, “While network officials are confident about states such as Ohio, where Sen. Rob Portman has a large lead, they are putting new resources into North Carolina and Missouri, where the GOP incumbents face narrowing polls.” [Washington Post, [9/14/16](#)]

*AFP Claimed They Reached Out To Over 700,000 Missouri Voters In Their Phone Banking And Door Knocking Campaigns Targeting Jason Kander*

**AFP Announced It Had Contacted More Than 700,000 Missouri Voters By Knocking On Doors And Phone Banking In Opposition To Jason Kander.** According to the Missouri Times, “Americans for Prosperity has been busy trying to keep U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt from being defeated in November. The group announced Monday that they had contacted more than 700,000 Missouri voters by knocking on doors and phone banking. They say Blunt’s opponent, Secretary of State Jason Kander, should not be elected because of his support for the Affordable Care Act, energy taxes, and a vote against tax cuts.” [Missouri Times, [9/26/16](#)]

*AFP Launched A “Missouri Can’t Afford Jason Kander’s Agenda” Petition*

**AFP Launched A “Missouri Can’t Afford Jason Kander’s Agenda” Petition.** According to a petition on the AFP website, “Missouri Can’t Afford Jason Kander’s Agenda[.]” [Americans for Prosperity, [9/20/16](#)]

## **BLUNT PUSHED THE KOCH AGENDA**

## AFP Awarded Roy Blunt A “B” Rating For His Legislative Record

As Of July 2016, Sen. Blunt Had A Lifetime Score Of 86% From Americans For Prosperity. [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]

- **2015: Sen. Blunt Voted With The AFP Position To Try To Nullify The President’s Clean Power Plan.** According to AFP’s 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Ron Blunt supported the AFP position to “disapprove of the President’s Clean Power Plan” by voting no on Senate Vote #306, S.J. Res. 24. [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Blunt Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Mitch McConnell That Would Enable States To Avoid Accountability To EPA Regulations On Power Plant Emissions.** According to AFP’s 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Roy Blunt supported the AFP position to prevent “the federal government from withholding highway funds from States that refuse to submit State Implementation Plans required under the EPA’s proposed rule on power plant emissions” by voting yes on Senate Vote #116, the McConnell amendment [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]
- **2015: Sen. Blunt Voted With The AFP Position To Reject A Five-Year Extension Of The Production Tax Credit To Promote Renewable Fuels Like Wind Energy.** According to AFP’s 2015-2016 Scorecard, Senator Roy Blunt supported the AFP position to “reject efforts to extend the production tax credit (PTC), the main handout for the wind energy industry” by voting no on Senate Vote #40, the Heitkamp Amendment. [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Blunt Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Jim Inhofe To Prevent The EPA From Enforcing The Clean Air Act** According to AFP’s 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Roy Blunt supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 76, the Inhofe amendment to which sought to “reduce spending and decrease the risk of drastic energy price increases by prohibiting further greenhouse gas regulations.” [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Blunt Voted With The AFP Position To Support An Amendment Proposed By Sen. Ted Cruz To Repeal The Affordable Care Act.** According to AFP’s 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Roy Blunt supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote # 51, the Cruz Amendment, “Repealing [*sic*] Obamacare”. [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]
- **2013: Sen. Blunt Voted With The AFP Position To Support The Cruz-Lee Amendment To Defund President Obama’s Health Care Law.** According to AFP’s 2013-2014 Scorecard, Senator Roy Blunt supported the AFP position by voting yes on Senate Vote #34, the “Cruz-Lee amendment defunding President Obama’s health care law.” [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]

## Roy Blunt Signed AFP’s “No Climate Tax Pledge” And Rejected The Premise Of Climate Change

**Roy Blunt Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge” And Denied Global Warming.** According to Think Progress, “Rep. Roy Blunt is a global warming denier: ‘There isn’t any real science to say we are altering the climate path of the earth.’” [Human Events, 4/29/09] Blunt also says that the delay of EPA’s finding that greenhouse gases are pollution should be ‘indefinite,’ opposes a cap-and-trade market, and attempted to block greenhouse gas performance standards for new coal fired power plants. Blunt is a signatory of the No Climate Tax pledge.” [Think Progress, [9/13/10](#)]

## AFP Enthusiastically Endorsed Sen. Blunt’s Amendment To The Keystone Pipeline Legislation

Americans For Prosperity Press Release: “AFP Supports Blunt Amendment.” [Americans for Prosperity Press Release, [1/22/15](#)]

- **The Blunt Amendment Attempted To Prohibit The President From Entering Into International Agreements Regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions Without First Studying “Any Adverse Economic Effects” And**

**“Without The Approval Of The Senate.”** According to Congress.gov, “S.1 — Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act[.] Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO] (Submitted 01/21/2015, Proposed 01/21/2015)[.] Cosponsors: 2[.] Latest Action: 01/22/2015 Amendment SA 78, under the order of 1/22/15, not having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, was not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 46. Record Vote Number: 20.Purpose: S.Amdt. 78 — 114th Congress (2015-2016) To express the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the President entering into bilateral or other international agreements regarding greenhouse gas emissions without proper study of any adverse economic effects, including job losses and harm to the industrial sector, and without the approval of the Senate.” [Congress.gov, [1/22/15](#)]

## 2012 Senate Race

### THE KOCH NETWORK INVESTED MILLIONS IN TODD AKIN IN 2012

#### Koch Groups Spent At Least \$6,185 On Behalf Of Todd Akin In Independent Expenditures

**In 2012, The 60 Plus Association, American Future Fund, And The National Federation Of Independent Business Spent At Least \$6,185 On The Missouri Senate Race.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, in 2012 the 60 Plus association, American Future Fund, and the National Federation of Independent Business spent at least \$6,185 on the Missouri Senate race. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Contributor Organization	Koch Connection	Target	For/Against?	Source	Amount
60 Plus Association	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Todd Akin	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$4,245
American Future Fund	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Claire McCaskill	Against	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$1,031
National Federation of Independent Business	<a href="#">Koch Funded</a>	Todd Akin	For	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$909
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$6,185</b>

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/18/16]

#### AFP, The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, And The 60 Plus Association Along With Karl Rove’s Crossroads GPS Spent A Combined \$15 Million On Behalf Of Todd Akin

**New York Times: David And Charles Koch’s Americans For Prosperity, The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce And The 60 Plus Association Along With Karl Rove’s Crossroads GPS Spent A Combined \$15 Million On The 2012 Missouri Senate Race As Of August 2012.** According to the New York Times, “As the three Republican candidates have battled it out, Ms. McCaskill has had to buckle down as well. Karl Rove’s Crossroads GPS, David and Charles Koch’s Americans For Prosperity, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the 60 Plus Association have dumped as much as \$15 million into the state since July 2011 to keep her on her heels.” [New York Times, [8/5/12](#)]

- **The Dark-Money Groups Focused Much Of Their Efforts “Assailing McCaskill And Her Record.”**  
According to Mother Jones, “However, dark-money groups including Crossroads GPS and Americans for Prosperity have spent upwards of \$15 million on the race, much of it assailing McCaskill and her record.” [Mother Jones, [8/21/12](#)]

#### **Americans For Prosperity Launched An Anti-McCaskill TV Ad, Accusing The Senator Of “Irresponsible Spending.”**

According to PoliticMo, “The Republican activist group Americans for Prosperity is joining a slew of Republican friendly groups joining in on criticizing U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, while her three Republican rivals are engaged in a tough three way primary. The group’s Missouri chapter launched their first TV ad of the cycle Monday, accusing McCaskill of supporting ‘irresponsible spending’ and urging voters to sign their petition for McCaskill.” [PoliticMo, [6/25/12](#)]



- **AFP's Ad Came As They Launched A Significant Anti-McCaskill Statewide Ground-Game, Equipped With Four Mobile Command Centers, Phones, And Canvassing Materials.** According to PoliticMo, "The ad campaign comes as AFP is launching a set of four 'Mobile Command Center Vans' that will travel the state collecting the petitions. The vans — wrapped for parades — will be equipped with phones and canvassing materials to be used by local activists." [PoliticMo, [6/25/12](#)]

**The 60-Plus Association Targeted Claire McCaskill As Part Of A \$3.5 Million, 5 State Ad Campaign Focused On Medicare.** According to St. Louis Today, "Also targeting McCaskill is the 60-Plus Association, a Virginia-based advocacy group that has fashioned itself as a conservative alternative to AARP. In March, 60-Plus, one of the groups that does not disclose donors, announced a \$3.5 million ad campaign in Missouri and four other states that featured entertainer Pat Boone warning of rationed care and a bankrupt Medicare." [St. Louis Today, [5/18/12](#)]

## **TODD AKIN WAS WELL REGARDED BY KOCH GROUPS**

### **Americans For Prosperity Ranked Todd Akin The Best Member Of Missouri's Congressional Delegation**

**2011–2012: Americans For Prosperity Ranked Todd Akin As The Best Member Of Missouri's Congressional Delegation For The 112<sup>th</sup> Congress With A Score Of 95%.** According to Americans for Prosperity's Key Vote Scorecard 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, AFP rated Todd Akin with the highest marks of anyone in the Missouri Congressional delegation for his voting record. Senator Roy Blunt received the score of 75% which they awarded a "B," Senator Claire McCaskill received the score of 17% which they awarded a "D," Representative Todd Akin received the score of 95% which they awarded an "A," Representative Russ Carnahan received the score of 4% which they awarded a "D-," Representative Lacy Clay received the score of 5% which they awarded a "D-," Representative Emanuel Cleaver received the score of 9% which they awarded a "D-," Representative Jo Ann Emerson received the score of 65% which they awarded a "C," Representative Sam Graves received the score of 77% which they awarded a "B," Representative Vicky Hartzler received the score of 83% which they awarded a "B," Representative Billy Long received the score of 87% which they awarded a "B," and Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer received the score of 70% which they awarded a "B." [AFP Scorecard, accessed [7/15/16](#)]

*Todd Akin Attended AFP Events*

**In March Of 2012, Todd Akin Spoke At An Americans For Prosperity "Hands Off My Health Care" Rally In Jefferson City.** According to YouTube, Todd Akin spoke at an Americans for Prosperity "Hands Off My Health Care" rally in Jefferson City, MO. [YouTube, [3/30/12](#)]

**Todd Akin Attended Americans For Prosperity's "Defending The American Dream Summit" In St. Louis, Missouri.** According to the STL Beacon, "The Missouri chapter of the conservative Americans for Prosperity Foundation has announced that it is holding its 'first annual 'Defending the American Dream Summit' in less than two weeks in Springfield, Mo. [...] The participating Senate hopefuls, said Werner, include businessman John Brunner, former state Treasurer Sarah Steelman and U.S. Rep. Todd Akin." [STL Beacon, [7/10/12](#)]

### **60 Plus Accused The Media Of Being Unnecessarily Hard On Todd Akin For His Comments On Rape**

**Newsmax: 60 Plus Association Founder And Chairman Martin "Accused The Media Of Being Unnecessarily Hard On Missouri Republican Todd Akin In The Aftermath Of His Highly Publicized Comments On Rape."** According to Newsmax, "[60 Plus Association Founder and Chairman] Martin also accused the media of being unnecessarily hard on Missouri Republican Todd Akin in the aftermath of his highly publicized comments on rape. 'He apologized for it time and time again,' Martin said of Akin. 'But the media is just going to bang away at that and so will the White House, because they've got nothing else to do.'" [Newsmax, [9/1/12](#)]

## **Missouri Republican Committee And Party Contributions**

**KOCH INDUSTRIES CONTRIBUTED AT LEAST \$8,681 TO MISSOURI PARTY COMMITTEES SINCE 2012**

**Koch Industries Contributed \$5,000 In Support Of The Missouri Republican State Committee In 2016.** According to FEC filings, Koch Industries Inc. PAC contributed \$5,000 in support of the Missouri Republican State Committee on June 24, 2016. [FEC, accessed [7/20/16](#)]

**Koch Industries Contributed \$3,181 In Support Of The Missouri Republican Party In 2012.** According to Follow the Money, Koch Industries contributed \$3,181 in support of the Missouri Republican Party in 2012. [Follow the Money, accessed [7/19/16](#)]

**Koch Industries Contributed \$500 In Support Of The Senate Majority Fund Of Missouri In 2012.** According to Follow the Money, Koch Industries contributed \$500 in support of the Senate Majority Fund of Missouri in 2012. [Follow the Money, accessed [7/19/16](#)]

## Congress

### SAM GRAVES

#### Koch Industries Devoted At Least \$27,500 To Support Sam Graves

**Between 2004 And 2012, Koch Industries Contributed At Least \$27,500 To Sam Graves.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, between 2004 and 2012 Koch Industries contributed at least \$27,500 to Sam Graves. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Contributor Organization	Target	Source	Amount
2012	Koch Industries	Sam Graves	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
2010	Koch Industries	Sam Graves	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$7,500
2008	Koch Industries	Sam Graves	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$10,000
2004	Koch Industries	Sam Graves	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$27,500</b>

#### Sam Graves Signed Americans For Prosperity's "No Climate Tax Pledge"

**Sam Graves Signed Americans For Prosperity's "No Climate Tax Pledge."** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, "The free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today applauded Missouri U.S. Representative Sam Graves (6th District) for signing the group's 'No Climate Tax Pledge.'" [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [6/30/10](#)]

### VICKY HARTZLER

#### Koch Industries Devoted At Least \$11,000 To Support Vicky Hartzler

**Since 2012 Koch Industries Contributed At Least \$11,000 To Vicky Hartzler.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, since 2012 Koch Industries contributed at least \$11,000 to Vicky Hartzler. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Contributor Organization	Target	Source	Amount
2014	Koch Industries	Vicky Hartzler	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$6,000
2012	Koch Industries	Vicky Hartzler	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$11,000</b>

#### Vicky Hartzler Signed Americans For Prosperity's "No Climate Tax Pledge"

**Vicky Hartzler Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “I, Vicky Hartzler, pledge to the taxpayers of the state of Missouri and to the American people that I will oppose any legislation relating to climate change that include a net increase in government revenue.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [2/10/10](#)]

## BILLY LONG

### Koch Industries Devoted At Least \$12,500 To Support Billy Long

**Since 2014 Koch Industries Contributed At Least \$12,500 To Billy Long.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, since 2014 Koch Industries contributed at least \$12,500 to Billy Long. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Contributor Organization	Target	Source	Amount
2016	Koch Industries	Billy Long	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,500
2014	Koch Industries	Billy Long	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12,500</b>

### Billy Long Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge”

**Billy Long Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “The Missouri chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-MO) today applauded U.S. House candidate Billy Long (7th District) for signing the group’s ‘No Climate Tax Pledge.’” Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [5/11/10](#)

## JASON SMITH

### Koch Industries Devoted At Least \$10,000 To Support Jason Smith

**Since 2014 Koch Industries Contributed At Least \$10,000 To Jason Smith.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, since 2014 Koch Industries contributed at least \$10,000 to Jason Smith. This information is further detailed in the following table:

Year	Contributor Organization	Target	Source	Amount
2016	Koch Industries	Jason Smith	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,500
2014	Koch Industries	Jason Smith	<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$10,000</b>

### Jason Smith Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge”

**Jason Smith Signed Americans For Prosperity’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.”** According to Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, “I, Jason Smith, pledge to the taxpayers of the state of Missouri and to the American people that I will oppose any legislation relating to climate change that include a net increase in government revenue.” [Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [12/30/09](#)]

## State Level Activity

### GOVERNOR

#### AFP Positioned Themselves To Influence The Missouri Governor Race

**AFP President Tim Phillips Said AFP Would Make Right-To-Work Happen In Missouri, They “Just Needed A Better Governor.”** According to a Facebook comment by Americans for Prosperity president Tim Phillips, “We will get it in Missouri - just need better governor.” Phillips’ comment was in response to a post he made about “Right to Work” in West Virginia. [Tim Phillips – Facebook, [2/4/16](#)]

*AFP Made Preferences Known In The Gubernatorial Primary Race*

**AFP-MO Deputy Director Rachel Payton Questioned Missouri Gubernatorial Candidate Eric Greitens’ Conservatism And Status As A “Real Veteran.”** According to a tweet by AFP-MO deputy director Rachel Payton, “I’ve been working in conservative politics for 16 years. I’ve never once seen @EricGreitens on that battlefield. #comogovdebate[.]” Payton continued “Real veterans r humble about service @EricGreitens. Where have u been even the last 2 years since u became conservative? #comogovdebate[.]” Greitens Twitter bio described him as a “Former Navy SEAL, Founder of The Mission Continues, Husband, Father, and Conservative Outsider for Missouri Governor.” [Rachel Payton – Twitter, [3/17/16](#); [3/17/16](#)]

**AFP-MO Deputy Director Rachel Payton: Democratic Candidate For Governor Chris Koster Was “Bought And Paid For” Because He Received \$150,000 From A Donor In Washington, DC.** According to a tweet by AFP-MO deputy director Rachel Payton, “More money from Big Labor. #boughtandpaidfor[.]” The tweet quoted a tweet by Missouri Money which read “Chris Koster - a Democratic candidate for Governor - received \$150,000.00 from a donor in Washington, DC[.]” [Rachel Payton – Twitter, [4/4/16](#)]

*The Kochs Previously Donated To Republican Candidate Catherine Hanaway*

**Koch Industries Contributed \$1,200 In Support Of Republican Candidate Catherine Hanaway’s 2004 Campaign For Missouri Secretary of State.** According to Follow the Money, Koch Industries contributed \$1,200 in support of Republican candidate Catherine Hanaway’s campaign for Missouri Secretary of State in 2004. [Follow the Money, accessed [7/19/16](#)]

- **Catherine Hanaway Was One Of Four Republican Primary Candidates For Governor In Missouri.** According to Ballotpedia, Catherine Hanaway was one of four Republican candidates for governor in Missouri before the state primary in August 2, 2016. [Ballotpedia, accessed [7/19/16](#)]

*John Brunner Attended AFP-MO’s Hands Off My Health Care Event*

**John Brunner Spoke At Americans For Prosperity-Missouri’s “Hands Off My Health Care” Rally In 2012.** According to a YouTube video uploaded by Progress Missouri, John Brunner spoke at Americans for Prosperity-Missouri’s “Hands Off My Health Care” rally in 2012. [Progress Missouri – YouTube, [3/30/12](#)]

- **John Brunner Was One Of Four Republican Primary Candidates For Governor In Missouri.** According to Ballotpedia, John Brunner was one of four Republican candidates for governor in Missouri before the state primary in August 2, 2016. [Ballotpedia, accessed [7/19/16](#)]

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Conservative Constitutional Attorney Josh Hawley

*Koch Industries Devoted \$20,000 To Supporting Josh Hawley*

**Koch Industries Inc. Contributed \$20,000 In Support Of Conservative Republican Candidate Josh Hawley’s 2016 Campaign For Missouri Attorney General.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission, Koch Industries Inc. contributed \$20,000 in support of conservative Republican candidate Josh Hawley’s campaign for Missouri Attorney General on May 2, 2016. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

- **Josh Hawley Had Experience As A Constitutional Attorney And He Centered His Campaign On Fighting Federal Government Overreach, Tort Reform And Protecting The Second Amendment.** According to



Ballotpedia, “Hawley's campaign website states that his experience as a constitutional attorney, rather than a politician, qualifies him for the office. It also criticizes incumbent Attorney General Chris Koster (D), who is not seeking re-election, for allegedly paying excessive fees to trial attorneys contracted by the attorney general's office. It also promises Hawley would fight political corruption and federal government overreach, advocate for tort reform, and protect Second Amendment and ‘right to self-defense’ rights.” [Ballotpedia, accessed [8/19/16](#)]

- **Josh Hawley Came Out In Favor Of State-Level Religious Liberty Legislation.** According to Slate, “Josh Hawley, a Republican running for Missouri attorney general, recently came out swinging in favor of state-level religious liberty legislation to ensure that churches and businesses will not be compelled to ‘participate’ in same-sex marriages. Hawley, who is challenging a state senator for the nomination, painted himself as a bold truth-teller, declaring that ‘my part is to raise this issue and speak out in favor of it and hold [legislators]’ feet to the fire.’ He also insisted that ‘this is the way we avoid a cultural war, not prolong it.’” [Slate, [12/28/15](#)]

#### *Koch-Backed Aegis Strategic Fundraised For Josh Hawley*

**Josh Hawley Was Listed As One Of Aegis PAC’s 2016 Candidates.** According to Aegis PAC, Josh Hawley was listed as one of their 2016 candidates. [Aegis PAC, accessed [7/27/16](#)]

**Aegis Strategic Was Paid Over \$16,000 To Provide Fundraising Services To Josh Hawley’s Campaign.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission, Aegis Strategic was paid \$16,200 to provide fundraising services to Josh Hawley’s campaign. [Missouri Ethics Commission, [7/15/15](#); [4/15/16](#)]

**Aegis Strategic Was “Funded By David And Charles Koch.”** According to the Courier-Journal, “The Bluegrass Action Fund filed its organizational papers with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance on March 18 and, according to sources close to the fund, will back Heiner, a former member of the Louisville Metro Council. The group lists as its chairman Alan Philp a conservative activist and the chief operating officer of Aegis Strategic, which the Huffington Post reported is funded by David and Charles Koch, the billionaire businessmen who have funneled tens of millions of dollars into political races in recent years.” [Courier-Journal, [3/27/15](#)]

- **Politico: Aegis Was “Owned By A Former Koch Operative Named Jeff Crank And Staffed By Fellow Koch Network Veterans, Has An Ongoing Consulting Contract With Freedom Partners” And Has Worked With Other Koch Groups.** According to Politico, “Aegis, which is owned by a former Koch operative named Jeff Crank and staffed by fellow Koch network veterans, has an ongoing consulting contract with Freedom Partners and also has worked with other Koch-backed groups, network sources tell POLITICO.” [Politico, [11/12/15](#)]

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Americans For Prosperity Lobbying

**Between 2010 And 2016, Americans For Prosperity And Americans For Prosperity Foundation Spent Over \$4,300 Lobbying State Legislators And Legislative Groups.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission, between 2010 and 2016, Americans for Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation have spent \$1,419.66 lobbying state legislators and \$2,962.50 lobbying state legislative groups for a total of \$4,382.16. This information is detailed in the following tables:

State Legislators			
Amended Date	Recipient	Type / Description	Amount
3/14/2016	Rep. Fitzwater, Travis	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
10/20/2015	Rep. Anderson, Sonya	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award and lunch	\$40.00
2/11/2015	Rep. Bahr, Kurt	Gift /	\$28.00
1/27/2015	Rep. Brattin, Rick	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/27/2015	Rep. Dugger, Tony	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
11/2/2015	Rep. Hill, Justin	Gift / Defender of Prosperity	\$30.00

2/9/2015	Rep. Johnson, Delus	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
4/15/2015	Rep. Johnson, Delus	Gift / Reimbursed	-\$28.00
1/27/2015	Rep. Keeney, Shelley (White)	Gift / Defender Of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
2/11/2015	Rep. Koenig, Andrew	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
11/2/2015	Rep. Mathews, Kirk	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$30.00
11/2/2015	Rep. Parkinson, Mark	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$30.00
1/28/2015	Rep. Rehder, Holly	Gift / Defender Of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/27/2015	Rep. Rhoads, Shawn	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/21/2015	Rep. Richardson, Todd	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/27/2015	Rep. Ross, Robert	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
10/15/2015	Rep. Spencer, Bryan	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$30.00
10/20/2015	Rep. Taylor, Jered	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award and lunch	\$40.00
10/19/2015	Rep. Vescovo, Rob	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$30.00
8/21/2014	Rep. Cierpiot, Mike	Gift / Award	\$28.00
4/12/2014	Rep. Davis, Charlie	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Buffet breakfast in Joplin where 25 folks were in attendance for a tax day discussion	\$14.00
5/5/2014	Rep. White, William (Bill)	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Buffet breakfast in Joplin where 25 folks were in attendance for a tax day discussion	\$14.00
6/23/2014	Rep. White, William (Bill)	Meals, Food, & Beverage / He sent a check to pay for his meal	-\$14.00
7/31/2014	Sen. Brown, Dan W.	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
8/10/2014	Rep. Burlison, Eric	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
4/15/2015	Rep. Burlison, Eric	Gift / Reimbursed	-\$28.00
7/10/2014	Sen. Emery, Ed	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/16/2014	Rep. Fitzpatrick, Scott	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
7/10/2014	Rep. Fitzpatrick, Scott	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
7/31/2014	Rep. Frederick, Keith	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
7/10/2014	Rep. Haahr, Elijah	Gift / Defender Of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
8/22/2014	Rep. Jones, Caleb	Gift / Defender Of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
12/31/2014	Sen. Kraus, Will	Gift / Reimbursed The Expense	-\$28.00
8/10/2014	Sen. Kraus, Will	Gift / Defender of Prosperity	\$28.00
7/10/2014	Rep. Moon, Mike	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/14/2014	Sen. Nieves, Brian	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/14/2014	Rep. Richardson, Todd	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
7/10/2014	Rep. Rowland, Lyle	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/14/2014	Sen. Sater, David	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/14/2014	Sen. Schaaf, Rob	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
8/22/2014	Sen. Schaefer, Kurt	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
1/14/2014	Sen. Schmitt, Eric	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
7/29/2014	Rep. Wilson, Kenneth	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
8/6/2013	Rep. Bahr, Kurt	Gift / Award	\$28.00
8/6/2013	Rep. Bahr, Kurt	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Food	\$15.00
1/6/2014	Rep. Burlison, Eric	Gift / Made A Payment	-\$28.00
9/10/2013	Rep. Burlison, Eric	Gift / Award	\$28.00
8/6/2013	Rep. Bahr, Kurt*	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Food For Awards Reception Event	\$15.00
8/6/2013	Rep. Parkinson, Mark	Gift / Award	\$28.00

8/6/2013	Rep. Parkinson, Mark	Meals, Food, & Beverage / food for awards reception event	\$15.00
8/5/2013	Rep. Rehder, Holly	Gift / Award	\$28.00
8/6/2013	Rep. Spencer, Bryan	Gift / Award	\$28.00
8/6/2013	Rep. Spencer, Bryan	Meals, Food, & Beverage /	\$15.00
9/12/2013	Rep. Bahr, Kurt	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
7/31/2013	Sen. Brown, Dan W.	Meals, Food, & Beverage / lunch at Defender of Prosperity Award presentation for Senator Brown, his wife, and staffer Jared Brown	\$39.75
7/31/2013	Sen. Brown, Dan W.	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
10/10/2013	Rep. Burlison, Eric	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast on 9/12 w/ other House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
1/3/2014	Rep. Burlison, Eric	Meals, Food, & Beverage / repaid for cost of the breakfast	-\$12.72
7/16/2013	Rep. Cierpiot, Mike	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
7/11/2013	Rep. Cox, Stanley	Gift / Defender of Prosperity Award	\$28.00
9/12/2013	Rep. Curtman, Paul	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
9/12/2013	Rep. Jones, Timothy W*	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
9/12/2013	Rep. Fitzpatrick, Scott	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
9/12/2013	Rep. Jones, Timothy W	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
10/10/2013	Rep. Burlison, Eric*	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
4/15/2015	Rep. Burlison, Eric*	Meals, Food, & Beverage / reimbursed	-\$12.72
9/12/2013	Rep. Moon, Mike	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
9/12/2013	Rep. Stream, Rick	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Breakfast w/ House members and AFP staffers	\$12.72
2/9/2010	Rep. Pratt, Bryan*	Meals, Food, & Beverage /	\$13.97
3/2/2010	Rep. Pratt, Bryan *	Meals, Food, & Beverage /	\$16.00
3/3/2010	Sen. Purgason, Chuck*	Entertainment / Paid for Ticket	-\$37.00
3/1/2010	Sen. Purgason, Chuck*	Entertainment / Ticket	\$37.00
1/15/2010	Rep. Schoeller, Shane	Meals, Food, & Beverage /	\$4.90
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,419.66</b>

\* denotes that the spending went towards a staff member of the listed office

[Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/28/16](#)]

Legislative Groups			
Amended Date	Recipients	Type / Description	Amount
9/16/2015	Entire General Assembly	Meals, Food, & Beverage / MO State Capitol/ Lunch	\$1,021.38
1/9/2013	Entire General Assembly	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City, MO / Cookies for Legislators and their staff/cookies were delivered throughout the day	\$300.00
4/6/2010	House Majority Caucus	Meals, Food, & Beverage / Study Group Dinner	\$1,641.12
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,962.50</b>

[Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/28/16](#)]

## **Americans For Prosperity Awarded 19 Missouri State Representatives And One State Sen. “A Range” Ratings**

**AFP-MO Released Its Legislative Scorecard, Awarding “A Range” Grades To 19 State Representatives And One Senator.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “Today, Americans for Prosperity Missouri announced which legislators stand with the group’s core mission of promoting economic freedom and prosperity. This year, not only were the legislators measured on their votes during the 2015 legislative session, they were also awarded lifetime scores with the group. In 2015 only one State Senator and nineteen State Representatives were awarded a grade in the ‘A’ range. And only three State Senators and twenty-three State Representatives garnered ‘A’ range lifetime scores.” [Americans for Prosperity, [10/14/15](#)]

## **Americans For Prosperity Targeted Missouri State Representatives With A Six Figure Mailer And Ad Campaign Over Right-To-Work-For-Less Legislation**

**AFP-MO Sent Mailers Thanking Reps. Cornejo, Neely, Pietzman, Shaul And Spencer For Their “Leadership” In Advancing Right-To-Work Proposals.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “The group also noted they had singled out several lawmakers who’d voted in favor of right-to-work, thanking them via direct mail. The mail pieces urge constituents to thank lawmakers for providing leadership on the issue. Those lawmakers are Reps. Cornejo, Neely, Pietzman, Shaul and Spencer.” [Americans for Prosperity, [10/1/15](#)]

**AFP Sent Mailers To The Constituents Of Missouri House Republicans Who Voted No On Right-To-Work Legislation.** According to the Missouri-Times, “House Republicans who voted no on Right to Work legislation this past session are seeing constituents receive mailers on the subject as veto session approaches. Rep. Linda Black, R-Doe Run, reached out to friends and constituents who may have been confused by the mailer, further clarifying that she will not be changing her vote. The mailer was sent by Americans For Prosperity (AFP).” [Missouri-Times, [8/28/15](#)]

- **The Members Targeted For Voting Against Right-To-Work Included Reps. Entlicher, Hicks, Zerr, Corlew, Solon And Conway.** According to a post on the Americans for Prosperity website, “The members targeted for voting against right-to-work included Reps. Entlicher, Hicks, Zerr, Corlew, Solon and Conway. You can listen to the radio ads here.” [Americans for Prosperity, [10/1/15](#)]

**In Addition To A TV Ad, AFP Targeted Rep. Kathy Conway With “Mailings With Photos Of Democratic President Barack Obama And A Man Lighting A Cigar With A Caption That Says Conway ‘Voted To Defend Special Interests.’”** According to the Associated Press, “After falling short of the legislative votes needed to enact a right-to-work law, supporters of the measure are launching an advertising campaign in hopes of pressuring Republican lawmakers who oppose it to switch sides and help Missouri become the 26th state to bar mandatory union fees. A television ad by the conservative group Americans for Prosperity was to hit cable systems in Rep. Kathie Conway's St. Charles-area district on Tuesday. The ad urges voters to call the lawmaker - who was one of 20 Republicans who recently helped defeat the bill - and tell her ‘to stand with Missouri workers, not Barack Obama's liberal agenda.’ Voters in Conway's district also will be getting mailings with photos of Democratic President Barack Obama and a man lighting a cigar with a caption that says Conway ‘voted to defend special interests.’” [Associated Press, [9/30/15](#)]

- **AFP Spokesman Christopher Neefus Said The Campaign Against Republican Lawmakers Cost About \$100,000.** According to the Associated Press, “At the time, Americans for Prosperity CEO Luke Hilgemann said that wasn't ‘the end for right to work.’ Now, his group is targeting several Republican lawmakers who don't support right-to-work legislation with print and radio ads and mail sent to their constituents. A spokesman for the group, Christopher Neefus, said the campaign will cost about \$100,000. It also includes radio ads and thank-you notes to constituents in districts represented by Republican lawmakers who switched their votes in favor of right-to-work legislation.” [Associated Press, [9/29/15](#)]

## **PAC CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **Koch Industries Contributed \$5,000 To The MO Chamber PAC**



**The Missouri Chamber PAC Was Part Of The Missouri Chamber Of Commerce And Industry And Sought To Elect “Pro-Business” Candidates.** According to the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, “The Missouri Chamber Political Action Committee (PAC) gives you the opportunity to join Missouri employers in a statewide, non-partisan, pro-business political action group to elect candidates that will protect Missouri’s job creators, like you. We carefully research state legislative candidates and identify opportunities where we can make a political impact.” [Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, accessed [8/29/16](#)]

**Koch Industries Inc. Contributed \$2,500 To MO Chamber PAC In 2013.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission, Koch Industries Inc. contributed \$2,500 to MO Chamber PAC on July 3, 2013. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

**Koch Industries Inc. Contributed \$2,500 To MO Chamber PAC In 2012.** According to the Missouri Ethics Commission, Koch Industries Inc. contributed \$2,500 to MO Chamber PAC on December 31, 2012. [Missouri Ethics Commission, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

## JUDICIAL

### The Kochs Worked To Influence The Judicial System Through Seminars

#### **Wall Street Journal: Koch Funded Seminars Illustrated How The Kochs Sought To Influence The Judicial System.**

According to the Wall Street Journal, “In September 1997, Judge Michael Corrigan left his courtroom in Kansas's State District Court in Wichita to join a small group of hand-picked state judges for a special seminar at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Then, last December, he attended the second phase of the seminar at the \$250-per-night Sundial Beach Resort in Sanibel, Fla. The topic: hard-nosed, market-based economics, a subject Judge Corrigan says he never took in college. ‘Talk about a mental challenge,’ the judge raves. Equally interesting, however, was the identity of the founder and key patron of the two-week seminar: a Koch family foundation headed by an official of Koch Industries Inc. of Wichita, an oil, natural gas, minerals and agribusiness giant that aggressively lobbies government. [...] The seminars illustrate how, in recent years, Koch has sought to influence thinking in the judicial system. Since 1995, 550 judges have attended the two-part, nearly expense-free ‘Economic Institutes for State Judges.’” [Wall Street Journal, [8/9/99](#)]

#### **Judicial Seminars Were Scrutinized For Their Private Funding And Consistent Focus On Self-Serving Free-Market, Anti-Regulation Lectures.**

According to the Center for Public Integrity, “Judicial conferences are billed as educational retreats intended to improve judges’ understanding of the law and economics. Judges and seminar hosts say the conferences, which feature lectures and panel discussions, provide helpful information that refines their legal expertise. But they’ve long drawn scrutiny for how they are funded and organized. Since the 1990s, critics have complained that many of the privately funded conferences serve state and federal judges a steady dose of free-market, anti-regulation lectures that could influence judges’ rulings from the bench.” [Center for Public Integrity, [3/28/14](#)]

### Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. Of The Missouri Western District Circuit Court Attended Two Koch Affiliated Seminars

**2011: Missouri Western District Court Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. Attended The EconFest For Judges Seminar Organized By The George Mason University Law & Economics Center And Funded In Part By The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation.** According to Visible Government, Judge Gaitan Jr. attended the EconFest for Judges seminar in 2011. The seminar was organized by the George Mason University Law & Economics Center and held in Fairfax, Virginia. The seminar was funded in part by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. [Visible Government, accessed [4/15/16](#)]

#### **2012: Missouri Western District Court Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. Attended The Seventh Annual Judicial Symposium On Civil Justice Issues Organized And Funded By The George Mason University Law & Economics Center.**

According to Visible Government, Judge Gaitan Jr. attended the Seventh Annual Judicial Symposium on Civil Justice Issues in 2012. The seminar was organized and funded by the George Mason University Law & Economics Center and held in Fairfax, Virginia. [Visible Government, accessed [4/15/16](#)]

- **Donors Capital Fund Contributed Nearly \$2.7 Million To George Mason University School Of Law From 2007 – 2011.** According to Conservative Transparency, Donors Capital Fund contributed \$2,695,000 to George Mason University School of Law from 2007 – 2011. [Conservative Transparency, accessed [8/29/16](#)]
- **From 2012-2016, The Charles Koch Foundation Gave Roughly \$45 Million To George Mason, Accounting “For More Than Half Of The Foundation’s Entire Giving Over That Span.”** According to the Associated Press accessed via Federal News Radio, “Tax records show the Charles Koch Foundation has given roughly \$45 million to Mason over the past four years. That accounts for more than half of the foundation’s entire giving over that span.” [Associated Press, [4/1/16](#)]
- **The Charles Koch Foundation Donated \$10 Million To George Mason’s Law School In 2016 On The Condition They Changed The Name Of The School To The Antonin Scalia Law School.** According to the Washington Post, “It’s official: George Mason’s law school is named in honor of Antonin Scalia[.] Virginia’s largest public university is now officially home to the Antonin Scalia Law School, a name change that generated intense controversy when it was first announced earlier this spring. [...] An anonymous donor asked for the name as a condition of a \$20 million gift to the law school, which came with a \$10 million gift from the Charles Koch Foundation. That prompted delight from some at the prospect of scholarships, new centers and new faculty to raise the school’s profile; it drew dismay from those who associate the Koch family name with generous funding of conservative causes and asked whether the school’s academic freedom would be compromised by private money.” [Washington Post, [5/17/16](#)]

#### **Judge Charles Shaw Of The Missouri Eastern District Court Attended 2 Koch Affiliated Seminars**

**2009: Missouri Eastern District Court Judge Charles Shaw Attended The Fourth Annual Judicial Symposium On Civil Justice Issues Funded In Part By The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation And Koch Industries.** According to Visible Government, Judge Shaw attended the Fourth Annual Judicial Symposium on Civil Justice Issues in 2009. The seminar was organized by the Northwestern Law Judicial Education Program and held in Chicago, Illinois. The seminar was funded in part by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation and Koch Industries. [Visible Government, accessed [4/11/16](#)]

**2009: Missouri Eastern District Court Judge Charles Shaw Attended The Pharmaceutical Industry: Economics, Regulation, And Legal Issues Seminar Funded In Part By The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation And Koch Industries.** According to Visible Government, Judge Shaw attended The Pharmaceutical Industry: Economics, Regulation, and Legal Issues seminar in 2009. The seminar was organized by the Northwestern Law Judicial Education Program and held in Chicago, Illinois. The seminar was funded in part by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. [Visible Government, accessed [4/11/16](#)]

#### **Judge Rodney Sippel Of The Missouri Eastern District Court Attended Two Koch Affiliated Seminars**

**2009: Missouri Eastern District Court Judge Rodney Sippel Attended The Criminalization Of Corporate Conduct Seminar Funded In Part By The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation.** According to Visible Government, Judge Sippel attended the Criminalization of Corporate Conduct seminar in 2009. The seminar was organized by the Northwestern Law Judicial Education Program and held in Chicago, Illinois. The seminar was funded in part by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. [Visible Government, accessed [4/13/16](#)]

**2009: Missouri Eastern District Court Judge Rodney Sippel Attended The Judicial Symposium On The New Science Of Judicial Behavior Funded In Part By The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation.** According to Visible Government, Judge Sippel attended the Judicial Symposium on the New Science of Judicial Behavior seminar. The seminar was organized by the Northwestern Law Judicial Education Program and held in Chicago, Illinois. The seminar was funded in part by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. [Visible Government, accessed [4/13/16](#)]

#### **Wellspring Committee**

**2009: Wellspring Committee Grants Went To Groups Trying To Change Judicial Selection Methods In Missouri.**

According to Open Secrets, “In 2009, Wellspring grants went to groups trying to change judicial selection methods in Missouri and Tennessee.” [OpenSecrets.org, [3/23/15](#)]

**Daily Beast: The Wellspring Committee “Was Founded In 2008 By None Other Than The Infamous Charles And David Koch, Together With Their Political Svengali, Richard Fink.”**

According to The Daily Beast, “Who funds the Wellspring Committee? Well, here’s where things get interesting. Turns out, Wellspring was founded in 2008 by none other than the infamous Charles and David Koch, together with their political Svengali, Richard Fink.” [Daily Beast, [3/29/16](#)]